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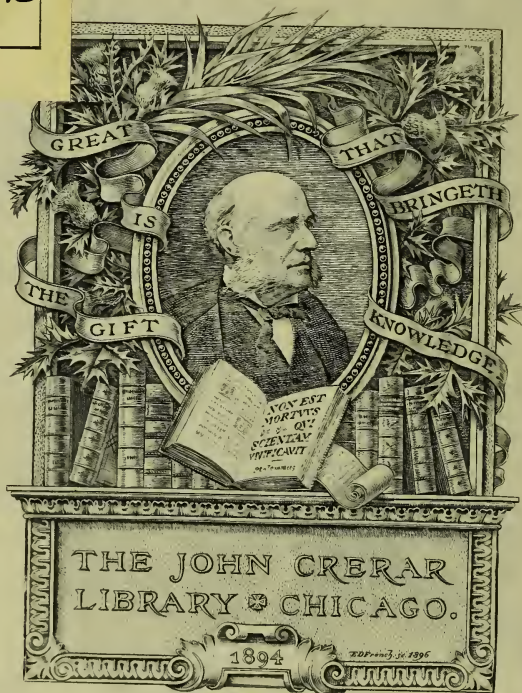


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BOROUGH OF BATLEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Chairman and Members of the Batley Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration and approval, the Second Annual Report of the work of the Library, for the year ending October 18th, 1909.

It is gratifying to state that the year under review has been one of steady progress. The News and Reading Rooms have been better patronised than during the previous year, the number of Borrowers has increased, and a larger number of books has been issued in both the Lending and Reference Departments. This is as it should be, and affords a striking testimony of the usefulness and popularity of our municipal Public Library.

Stock.—The stock of 9,294 volumes shown in last year's report has been increased by the purchase of 429 volumes, including replacements, and the presentation of 49 volumes. The total stock, which now numbers 9753 volumes, is classified as follows:—

CLASS.	Totals 1907-8.	Vols. added.	Totals 1908-9.
A.—Philosophy	104	5	109
B.—Religion	460	6	466
C.—Sociology	262	14	276
D.—Philology	72	1	73
E.—Natural Science	540	23	563
F.—Useful Arts	439	17	456
G.—Fine Arts	248	7	255
H.—Music	216	36	252
J.—Juvenile Works	442	34	476
K.—Prose Fiction	1874	113	1987
L.—Literature	678	29	707
M.—History and Travel	1032	39	1071
N.—Biography	699	26	725
Reference Department	864	85	949
Abridgments of Patents	1168	—	1168
Duplicates	196	24	220
Totals	9294	459	9753

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During the year it was found necessary to withdraw and replace with new copies 19 popular works of Fiction, which, through constant use had become unfit for further circulation, and rebind 704 volumes which had become shabby through the same cause. The stock, is, however in a very satisfactory condition and it is pleasing to notice how careful readers are, on the whole, to preserve the books and keep them from harm. The amount received for damages, etc., during the past twelve months amounted to 11s. 1d.

Issues.—The Lending and Reference Libraries were open for the issue of books on 308 days, including 54 days when these departments were closed at 12 noon. The total recorded issue of volumes in both departments was 68,026 as compared with 66,788 for the previous year, showing an increase of 1,238, as follows:—

	1908-9.	1907-8.	Increase
Lending Library	64,145	63,439	706
Reference Library	3,881	3,349	532
	<u>68,026</u>	<u>66,788</u>	<u>1,238</u>

The following table gives the total issue of each class of work during the year, viz:—

CLASS.		Volumes issued.	Per cent.
General Works	...	239	.35
A.—Philosophy	...	265	.38
B.—Religion	...	974	1.43
C.—Sociology	...	943	1.38
D.—Philology	...	540	.79
E.—Natural Science	...	2751	4.04
F.—Useful Arts	...	3312	4.86
G.—Fine Arts	...	1860	2.73
H.—Music	...	2099	3.08
J.—Juvenile Works	...	9278	13.63
K.—Prose Fiction	...	38812	57.05
L.—Literature	...	1828	2.68
M.—History and Travel	...	3355	4.93
N.—Biography	...	1770	2.74
Total	...	<u>68026</u>	

Lending Library.—The Lending Library received additions to the number of 350 volumes, the total stock in this department now being 7416 volumes. The number of books issued was 64145 volumes, as compared with 63439 for the previous year, or an increase of 706 volumes. 626 new tickets were issued, and 124 were cancelled. The actual number of Borrowers now enrolled is 3,442, 1200 being Burgesses, 2,224 Non-Burgesses, and 18 Non-Residents. The privilege of allowing readers an extra ticket for non-fictional works has been much appreciated, 228 of these Extra, or Student's Tickets, being now in use.

Reference Library.—This important section of the Library has been very well used, the issue of books being 3881 volumes, as compared with 3349 for the previous year. This issue does not include references made to Directories, etc., which are kept in the Magazine Room, and of which no record is kept. The 85 volumes added to this Department during the year included among other notable works, "The Dictionary of National Biography" 22 vols.; "Cambridge History of English Literature" vols. 1-3; "Modern Practical Carpentry," and "Modern Practical Joinery," by Ellis. 2 vols.; "Dictionary of Christian Antiquities," by Smith and Cheetham, 2 vols.; "Technical Methods of Chemical Analysis," by Lunge and Keen, 2 vols.; Seyfert's "Dictionary of Classical Antiquities," revised and edited by Nettleship and Sandys; Boulton's "Practical Coal Mining," 6 vols. and vol. 6 "New English Dictionary," edited by Sir. J. A. H. Murray. The Reference Library contains some expensive and very useful works, but many more must still be added before we can claim to have anything like a really good working reference library.

Reading Rooms.—The Reading Rooms are supplied with 17 daily, 49 weekly, 34 monthly, and 2 quarterly periodicals, etc. The rooms are well patronised and the attendances are on the increase.

Finance.—The Library Rate of 1d. in the pound, levied for the support of the Library produced £435. Other cash receipts for the year amounted to £49 5s. 7d. as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Catalogues	2	1	9
Fines	31	13	9
Postages	1	13	9

Damages, etc.	0	11	1
Sale of Papers	7	2	7
Ladies' Lavatory	2	7	8
Subscriptions from Non-Residents	2	5	0
Rent from Hall	1	10	0
Total	49	5	7

Miscellaneous. — 114 books were bespoken by readers, and 618 applications were made for overdue books, 64 of which were made personally by members of the staff, and 554 by post.

Library Association.—By your kind permission I attended the Annual Meeting of the Library Association held at Sheffield, in September last, and submitted a report of the proceedings at the October Meeting of the Committee. The subjects dealt with were all bearing upon important branches of Public Library affairs, and some extremely able papers were contributed by Librarians and others.

Donations.—Some interesting and valuable donations have been received during the year. The thanks of the Committee have been tendered to all donors, a list of whom is embodied in this report.

Library Catalogue and Library Circular.—Only about 50 copies of the first catalogue, published two years ago, remain unsold, and a new and revised edition is now in course of preparation. This is being proceeded with as quickly as circumstances permit, and it is hoped will be ready for publication sometime during 1910. During the year the "Library Circular" has been published regularly each quarter and has proved exceedingly useful as a means of acquainting readers of the books added to the Library from time to time, and of the work of the Library generally. During the coming year efforts will be made to introduce new features, which it is hoped will make the "Circular" still more useful and interesting.

Half Hour Talks.—During the year twelve Half-Hour Talks were delivered at the Library and were attended by 1016 persons. The Talks were held fort-

nightly, on Thursday evenings, and again proved to be very popular. The following is a list of the Talks given on the respective dates.

1908.

- Oct. 1st.—Mr. T. C. TAYLOR, M.P.
Subject:—"Books and Travel."
- Oct. 15th.—Dr. D. FORSYTH, of Leeds.
Subject:—"What and how to read."
- Oct. 29th.—Mr. BUTLER WOOD, of Bradford.
Subject:—"Some Yorkshire Novelists and the Topography of their Stories."
- Nov. 12th.—Miss ELLISON.
Subject:—"One aspect of Robert Browning."
- Nov. 29th.—Mr. R. SANDERSON.
Subject:—"Nature Study."
- Dec. 10th.—Mr. T. W. COLLETT, J.P.
Subject:—"John Milton."

1909.

- Jan. 7th.—Mr. T. W. HAND, of Leeds.
Subject:—"The Importance of Art and Decoration in the Home."
- Jan. 21st.—Mr. EDWIN TALBOT, J.P., C.C.
Subject:—"Charles Kingsley and his Books."
- Feb. 4th.—Mr. A. ERRINGTON.
Subject:—"Some Modern Novelists."
- Feb. 18th.—Alderman BEN TURNER, J.P.
Subject:—"Yorkshire Dialect Writers."
- Mar. 4th.—Rev. H. T. HAYMAN, M.A.
Subject:—"Charles Dickens and his Works."
- Mar. 18th.—Mr. WALTER BAGSHAW, J.P.
Subject:—"Nature's Wonderland." (A talk to children.)

The best thanks of the Committee and the Public are due to the speakers for giving their valuable services.

Photographic Exhibition.—On June 21st, 1909, an Exhibition of work done by local photographers was opened by His Worship, the Mayor of Batley, Councillor F. W. Akeroyd, J.P., and remained open until July 21st, 1909. The Exhibition was inspected by over 5300 persons, including about 1800 scholars from the schools in the Borough, who paid special visits with their teachers. The Exhibition proved so successful that efforts will be made to hold another during the coming summer.

Reading Circles.—Two Reading Circles in connection with the Library have been formed and are meeting monthly at the Library, and there is every likelihood of a third circle being formed during the next few days. It is too early as yet to say much about the work of these circles, but judging from the enthusiasm displayed so far, there is every reason to believe that they will produce good results.

In conclusion I beg to thank you for your kind help and encouragement throughout the year.

Alfred Errington,

Librarian.

Books issued from the Lending Department, 1908-9.

MONTH, 1908—1909.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Juvenile Works.	Prose Fiction.	Literature.	History and Travel.	Biography.	TOTAL
October 19th to 31st, 1908	13	29	31	7	62	91	44	81	363	1530	46	74	52	2423
November	22	63	80	16	162	192	134	185	790	3209	113	222	128	5316
December	17	61	48	21	151	175	121	189	747	2992	117	266	121	5026
January..... 1909	14	69	67	52	172	252	160	223	798	3707	150	275	143	6082
February.....	19	68	64	21	175	260	132	177	706	3435	158	254	160	5629
March.....	15	74	101	37	211	269	132	191	809	3734	153	267	134	6127
April.....	17	65	54	29	200	252	148	195	639	3407	103	250	110	5469
May.....	13	54	63	18	137	228	131	149	706	3002	127	240	133	5001
June.....	15	47	62	22	180	205	114	128	664	3135	109	222	105	5008
July.....	13	57	66	35	143	204	132	155	840	3135	140	237	161	5310
August.....	11	38	45	28	110	174	124	169	831	2604	104	170	108	4524
September.....	15	57	43	39	165	200	74	158	835	2944	110	179	106	4925
October 1st to 18th ..	13	45	45	40	90	129	38	99	550	1978	73	134	71	3305
Totals, 1908-9.....	197	727	769	365	1958	2631	1484	2099	9278	38812	1503	2790	1532	64145
Totals, 1907-8.....	250	805	845	255	1757	2696	1221	2007	10315	37688	1277	2662	1661	63439

Books issued from the Reference Department, 1908-9.

MONTH, 1908-1909.	General Works.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History and Travel.	Biography.	TOTAL
October 19th to 31st, 1908	12	1	8	3	—	30	23	28	9	6	7	127
November.....	17	13	15	11	11	48	29	21	19	15	15	214
December.....	19	7	8	20	13	62	67	30	27	35	22	310
January.....1909	57	4	32	15	32	48	34	31	50	91	15	409
February.....	25	9	17	20	18	59	49	44	48	64	18	371
March.....	23	10	29	22	22	58	54	55	27	62	19	381
April.....	31	8	22	18	5	95	45	50	20	53	12	359
May.....	40	11	20	13	15	57	41	31	23	62	18	331
June.....	24	1	24	18	24	69	42	24	18	51	23	318
July.....	21	—	23	11	12	75	78	17	23	41	27	328
August.....	32	—	26	7	8	60	55	20	22	29	23	282
September.....	22	1	18	9	10	75	39	20	29	31	26	280
October 1st to 18th,,	16	3	5	7	5	57	25	5	10	25	13	171
Totals, 1908-9.....	239	68	247	174	175	793	681	376	325	565	238	3881
Totals, 1907-8.....	220	111	218	99	142	809	467	279	297	598	109	3349

GENERAL SUMMARY.

	1907-8	1908-9
Number of volumes purchased	763	429
Number of volumes presented	1271	49
Total number of volumes added	2034	478
Volumes in the Lending Library	7066	7416
Volumes in the Reference Department	864	949
Abridgments of Patents	1168	1168
Duplicates	196	220
Total number of volumes in the Library	9294	9753
Number of volumes replaced	—	19
Number of volumes bound or rebound	406	704
Issues. Lending Library	63,430	64,145
Reference Library	3,349	3,881
Total	66,788	68,026
Registered number of Borrowers		
Burgesses	1,038	1,200
Non-Burgesses	1,884	2,224
Non-Residents	32	18
Total	2,954	3,442
Student's Tickets	—	228
Books bespoken by readers	101	114
Postal applications for overdue books	522	554
Personal applications for overdue books	85	64
Total	607	618

DONORS TO THE LIBRARY.

1908-1909.

Agent-General for South Australia.
 Airedale, Lord.
 Allan and Co., Messrs., London.
 Assistant Superintendent of Emigration for Canada.
 Bagshaw, Mr. Walter, J. P., Batley.
 Blackburn, Mr. J., Birstall.
 Buckley, Mr. H., Batley.
 Cantrill, Mr. Thomas, Batley.
 Craik, Mr. J. H., Batley.
 Carnegie, Dr. Andrew.
 Clements, Dr. J. H., Batley.
 Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester.

Hall, Mr. Councillor L., Batley.
 Hall, Mr. Robert, Batley.
 Hall, Mr. William, M. A., London.
 Hirst, Mr. F. B., Batley.
 Jannaway, Mr. F. G., London.
 Milner, Mr. George, Batley.
 Newsome, Mr. J. S., J. P., Batley.
 Patent Office, London.
 Priestley, Mr. F., Soothill.
 Runciman, Rt. Hon. Walter, M.P.
 Sands and Co., Messrs., London.
 Sharpe, Miss, London.
 Smith, Mr. George, Batley.
 Stubbs, Mr. R., Batley.
 Talbot, Mr. Edwin, J. P., Batley.
 Theosophical Society, London.
 Turner, Alderman Ben, J.P., Batley.
 University Correspondence College, London.

Library Reports, Bulletins, and Catalogues, presented
 by their respective Librarians:—

Ashton-under-Lyne.
 Battersea.
 Blackburn.
 Brighouse.
 Chorley.
 Dewsbury.
 Gateshead.
 Hove.
 Ilkley.
 Leeds.
 Newcastle-under-Lyne.
 Nottingham.
 Paisley.
 South Shields.
 Sunderland.
 Twickenham.

LIST of NEWSPAPERS and PERIODICALS

Supplied to the Reading Rooms.

1908-1909.

* Presented by Publishers and others. L. Librarian.

L. R.—Ladies' Room. M. R.—Magazine Room.

R. R.—Reading Room. R. L.—Reference Library.

Dailies.

Leeds Mercury	... R. R.	Gentlewoman	... L. R.
Liverpool Post	... R. R.	Graphic	... M. R.
London Chronicle	... R. R.	Great Thoughts	... M. R.
— Daily News	... R. R.	Hobbies	... M. R.
— Standard	... R. R.	Huddersfield Examiner	R. R.
— Telegraph	... R. R.	Illustrated London News	M. R.
— Times	... R. R.	Labour Leader	... R. R.
Manchester Guardian	R. R.	Lady's Pictorial	... L. R.
Westminster Gazette	R. R.	*Local Government	
Yorkshire Observer (2)	R. R.	Journal	... M. R.
— Post (2)	... R. R.	London Opinion	... M. R.
— Evg. News (2)	R. R.	Model Engineer	... M. R.
— Evg. Post (2)	R. R.	Municipal Journal	... M. R.
		Nation	... M. R.

National Home Reading

Weeklies.

Amateur Photographer	M. R.	Union's Publications	R. L.
Athenæum	... M. R.	Nature	... R. L.
Bazaar, Exchange and		*Patent's (Illustrated	
Mart	... M. R.	Official Journal)	M. R.
Building News	... M. R.	Pitman's Journal	... M. R.
Batley News	... R. R.	Public Opinion	... M. R.
Batley Reporter	... R. R.	Punch	... M. R.
Black and White	... M. R.	„ (2nd copy)	... L. R.
Boy's Own Paper	... M. R.	Queen	... L. R.
*Canada	... M. R.	Schoolmaster	... M. R.
Chums	... M. R.	Schoolmistress	... L. R.
*Colliery Guardian	... M. R.	Shop Assistant	... M. R.
Country Life	... M. R.	Spectator	... M. R.
Drapers' Record	... M. R.	Sphere	... M. R.
Electrical Engineer	... M. R.	T.P's Weekly	... M. R.
English Mechanic	... M. R.	Textile Mercury	... M. R.
Farm, Field & Fireside	M. R.	Truth	... M. R.
Gardening	... M. R.	Weekly Freeman	... R. R.
		Weekly Scotsman	... R. R.

Work	... M. R.	Musical Times	... M. R.
Yorkshire Weekly Post	R. R.	Munsey's Magazine	... M. R.
Monthlies.		Needlecraft	... L. R.
Art Journal	... L.	Nineteenth Century	... R. L.
Bookman	... M. R.	Quiver	... L. R.
*Canadian Life and		Review of Reviews	... M. R.
Resources	... M. R.	Socialist Review	... R. L.
Cassell's Magazine	... M. R.	Strand	... M. R.
Chambers's Journal	... M. R.	Studio	... L.
Contemporary Review	R. L.	Textile Recorder	... M. R.
*Delineator	... L. R.	*University Correspon-	
English Illustrated	... M. R.	dent	... R. L.
Girl's Own Paper	... L. R.	Weldon's Ladies'	
Harper's Monthly	... M. R.	Journal	... L. R.
Journal of the Society of		Young Man	... M. R.
Dyers and Colourists	M. R.	Young Woman	... L. R.
Knowledge	... R. L.	Quarterlies.	
Literary World	... M. R.	Hibbert Journal	... R. L.
*Mining Engineering	... M. R.	*Patents	... M. R.
*Musical Herald	... M. R.		

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Caledonian.
 Dublin and South Eastern.
 Glasgow and South Western.
 Great Central.
 Great Eastern.
 Great North of Scotland.
 Great Northern.
 Great Northern, Ireland.
 Great Southern and Western, Ireland.
 Great Western.
 Highland.
 North British.
 North Eastern.
 Lancashire and Yorkshire.
 London and North Western.
 London and South Western.
 London, Brighton and South Coast.
 Midland.
 South Eastern.
 Yorkshire Railway Guide.

DIRECTORIES.

Crockford's Clerical Directory.
Gore's Liverpool.
Kelly's Merchants, Manufacturers and Shippers.
Kelly's North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.
Kelly's Post Office London Directory.
Kelly's West Riding of Yorkshire.
Macdonald's Directory.
Morris' Business Directory.
Perry's Directory.
Slater's Manchester, Salford and Suburban Directory.
Stubbs' Directory.
Worrall's Yorkshire Textile Directory.

FILES OF NEWSPAPERS.

Batley News.
Batley Reporter.
The Times.
Yorkshire Daily Post.
Yorkshire Observer.



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1909-1910.

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„ T. WARBURTON.	„ H. CROTHERS.
„ C. H. TALBOT.	„ J. FEARNLEY.

Town Clerk : Mr. J. H. CRAIK.

Librarian : ALFRED ERRINGTON.

Assistants : ALFRED NORTH AND Miss A. E. NEWSOME.

Caretaker : ALFRED MOODY.

BOROUGH OF BATLEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BATLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit for your consideration my Report on the work of the Library during the year ending Oct. 18th, 1910.

It will be seen from the figures given in this report that the Library continues to be well patronised by the inhabitants of the Borough, and that the literature provided is fully appreciated.

Stock.—The total number of volumes in the Library on Oct. 19th, 1909, was 9,753. During the past year this number has been increased by 389 volumes, 301 of which were purchased, and 88 presented. The total number of volumes now in the possession of the Committee is 10,142; 7,669 being in the Lending Department, 2,246 in the Reference Department, and 223 duplicates to be used later as replacements.

Table 1. Classification of Stock.

CLASS.			Totals 1908-9	Vols. added	Totals 1909-10
A.—Philosophy	...	...	109	4	113
B.—Religion	...	...	446	18	484
C.—Sociology	...	...	276	13	289
D.—Philology	...	...	73	—	73
E.—Natural Science	...	...	563	23	586
F.—Useful Arts	...	...	456	19	475
G.—Fine Arts	...	...	255	—	255
H.—Music	...	...	252	8	260
J.—Juvenile Works	...	...	476	13	486
K.—Prose Fiction	...	...	1987	71	2058
L.—Literature	...	...	707	27	734
M.—History and Travel	...	...	1071	30	1101
N.—Biography	...	...	725	27	752
Reference Works	...	...	949	82	1031
Abridgments of Patents	...	...	1168	41	1209
Duplicates	...	...	220	13	233
Totals			9753	389	10142

37 volumes on account of their soiled and imperfect condition were withdrawn from circulation and replaced by the Committee, and 12 volumes damaged, were paid for by borrowers. 499 volumes were rebound by the Library bookbinders, while a large number of minor repairs were done on the premises by the Library staff, the repairing of books being one of the daily duties of the assistants.

Issues.—The Lending and Reference Departments were open for the issue and return of books on 307 days, including 56 days when these departments were closed at 12 noon. The total recorded issue from both departments was 66,069 volumes, as compared with 68,026 for the previous year, a decrease of 1,857 volumes as follows:—

		1908-9.	1909-10.
Lending Department	... ..	64145	62056
Reference Department	... ..	3881	4013
Totals		68026	66069

This decrease was not altogether unexpected. When the Library was opened three years ago a very large number of borrowers were enrolled, and it was then anticipated that a great many of those who had joined the library would cease to use it after the novelty had worn off, and as a result there would be a big decline in our issue. I am glad to report however, that while some readers have left us, we have been able to retain fully four-fifths of our original members and that at the present time we have just about 100 borrowers less than we had at the end of our first year. Since the opening of the Library in 1907, 200,883 volumes have been issued, giving an average of 66,961 volumes per year, an issue which may be considered very satisfactory indeed for a town the size of ours.

Table 2. Showing the number of volumes issued in each class.

CLASS.		Issued 1908-9	Issued 1909-10	Increase	Decrease
General Works	... ..	239	433	194	—
A.—Philosophy	... ..	265	210	—	55
B.—Religion	... ..	974	882	—	92
C.—Sociology	... ..	943	959	16	—
D.—Philology	... ..	540	748	208	—
E.—Natural Science	... ..	2751	2764	13	—
F.—Useful Arts	... ..	3312	3200	—	112
G.—Fine Arts	... ..	1860	1315	—	545
H.—Music	... ..	2099	2117	18	—
J.—Juvenile Works	... ..	9278	10938	1660	—

K.—Prose Fiction	...	38812	35668	—	3144
L.—Literature	...	1828	1875	47	—
M.—History and Travel	...	3355	3119	—	236
N.—Biography	...	1770	1841	71	—
Totals	...	68026	66069	2227	4184

Net decrease—1957

Lending Department.—The stock in the Lending Department now comprises 7,669 volumes, an increase of 253 during the year. The number of volumes circulated from this department was 62,056, as compared with 64,145 for the previous year, a decrease of 2,080 volumes. The decrease it will be noticed by referring to Table 2, occurs chiefly in the Fiction class, the number issued being 3,144 less than that of the previous year. It will also be observed that there was a substantial increase in the number of Juvenile Works circulated. This issue could be still further increased if the privilege to borrow books was extended to children under 14 years of age. I would suggest that during the coming year the matter of lowering the age at which children are allowed to make use of the Library be considered by the Committee, and an endeavour made to provide an adequate supply of suitable books for the young people of the Borough.

Borrowers.—The number of Borrowers' Tickets in force on Oct. 18th, 1910, was 3,213. This number includes 290 Students' Tickets, and 14 tickets granted to persons residing outside the Borough. The actual number of borrowers residing within the Borough is 2,909.

The following table shows the number of borrowers residing in each ward:—

North	...	...	...	1049
East	...	...	...	1072
West	...	...	...	618
Soothill	...	...	...	170
Total	...	...	...	2909

Overdue Books.—It was found necessary to make 594 applications by post asking for the return of books kept beyond the time allowed, and 67 personal applications when the postal applications proved ineffective. 95 books were bespoken by readers as allowed under rule 19.

Donations.—Some useful donations of books, pamphlets, etc., were received, and the cordial thanks of the Committee were conveyed to all donors. Acknowledgement is again due and is now accorded to the Editors of the local newspapers for their courtesy in publishing, from time to time, news concerning the work of the Library.

Reading Rooms.—The Reading Rooms continue to be well patronised. Although no actual count has been made of the number of people who use the rooms, it is estimated by the large numbers who visit them each day that the attendances are on the increase.

No change of any note has been made in the list of Newspapers and Periodicals supplied to the rooms.

Fines, etc.—During the year the sum of £43 17s. 0d. was received in fines, damages, etc., as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Catalogues	0	12	9
Fines	28	8	6
Postages	1	10	0
Damages, etc.	1	0	5
Sale of papers	7	14	8
Ladies' lavatory	2	5	2
Subscriptions from Non-Residents	2	2	6
Rent from Lecture Room ...	0	2	0
Total	43	17	0

Reference Department.—This department, as will be seen by referring to the table of books issued, has been well used. The volumes in stock now number 1031, an increase of 82 on the previous year, and the issue shows an increase of 122 volumes, the total number consulted during the year being 4013. The additions to the stock again included some works of an expensive character, among them being: "The Dialect Dictionary," ed. by Dr. Wright, 6v.; "The Cambridge Natural History," 10 v.; "An English Garner," ed. by Prof. Arber, 12 v.; vol. 7. of the "New English Dictionary," ed. by Sir J. A. H. Murray; "A Manual of Dyeing," by Rawson, Knecht, and Loewenthal; and vols. 2-5 of "The Cambridge History of English Literature."

Half-Hour Talks.—During the year the third series of Half-Hour Talks, 16 in number, were delivered at the Library. The Talks were again of a very high standard, but I regret to say that the attendances were not so good as during the two previous series.

The following is a list of the Talks given on the respective dates :—
1909.

- Oct. 7th—MR. HAMILTON CROTHERS.
" Private Reading and Social Interchange ; the
Committee's Proposed Reading Circles."
- Oct. 14th—MR. A. E. BENNEY.
" Honey Bee Lore."
- Oct. 21st—REV. H. ROWE.
" Dr. Samuel Johnson."
- Oct. 28th—MR. W. H. ATKINSON.
" A Talk about Flowers."
- Nov. 4th—MR. C. B. BARBER.
" Nature and Art."
- Nov. 11th—MR. N. L. FRAZER, M.A.
" The Reading of History."
- Nov. 18th—REV. J. B. STEDEFORD.
" Alfred Lord Tennyson."
- Nov. 25th—MR. WALTER BAGSHAW, F.R.M.S.
" A Talk to Young People."
Part 1. " Natural History."
Part 2. " Peeps into Sunny Italy."
- Dec. 2nd—REV. O. K. HOBBS, M.A.
" As you like it."
- Dec. 9th—MISS WHITTON, B.A.
" King Lear."
- Dec. 16th—MR. W. P. WHITE.
" The Norse Mythology, an influence in the
formation of the Anglo-Saxon Character."

1910.

- Feb. 3rd—MISS JOHNSTONE, B.Sc.
" Some Thoughts suggested by a Map."
- Feb. 17th—MR F. B. HIRST, Ph.C., M.P.S.
" A Talk on Elementary Astronomy."
- Mar. 3rd—REV. H. T. HAYMAN, M.A.
" Shakespeare's Patriotism."
- Mar. 20th—MR. WALTER BAGSHAW, F.R.M.S.
" A Talk to Young People."
Part 1. " Reason and Instinct, or, Do Ani-
mals think?"
Part 2. " Views on the Thames from Oxford
to London."

The heartiest thanks of the Committee and the Public
are due to the speakers for giving their valuable services.

Water Colour Exhibition.—A very successful exhibition of Water Colour paintings was held at the Library during the month of June. The opening ceremony, at which His Worship the Mayor, Mr. John Stubley, J.P., presided, was performed by Mr. F. H. Fawkes, J.P., C.C., of Farnley Hall, who gave a delightful address on J. M. W. Turner, and also very kindly lent three original water colour sketches by the famous artist. The Mayoress, with her customary thoughtfulness, kindly provided tea for the invited guests, in the Town Hall. About 150 water colour paintings, including examples by Herkomer, Turner, Birket Foster, D. Cox, Clarkson Stanfield, P. Sykes, and other artists of repute, and 800 excellent lantern slides were on view, all of which were much admired by the 5,100 people who attended the exhibition. The thanks of the Committee were tendered to all who kindly lent pictures and slides and assisted to make the exhibition so successful.

New Catalogue.—In my last Report I mentioned that the first edition of the Library catalogue was about sold out and that a new and revised edition was in preparation and would be published during the year. I am pleased to report that the new catalogue is now in the press and will, it is expected, be in the hands of our readers by the end of January.

Reading Circles.—During last winter two Reading Circles were formed, and met monthly at the Library. The subjects studied were "Poverty and the State" and "Old Roman Life," the former circle being led by Mr. N. L. Frazer, M.A. and Mr. S. D. Jones, and the latter by Mr. W. P. White and Mr. J. H. Wilman. Both circles were very successful. Some extremely interesting papers were read and discussed, and the meetings proved very enjoyable in every way. The best thanks of the Library Committee are due to the gentlemen named above for their kindness in acting as leaders and taking such a keen interest in the circles.

Library Association.—Through your kind permission I attended the Library Association Conference held at Exeter during the week commencing Monday, Sept. 5th, under the Presidency of Dr. F. G. Kenyon, the distinguished Librarian of the British Museum. A full report of the proceedings of this conference and also of the interesting papers read and discussed, was submitted to the Library Committee at their October meeting.

Staff.—James H. Shaw, the Senior Assistant, resigned in June to take up duties in the office of the Borough Accountant, and his place was filled by the appointment of Miss A. E. Newsome. Mr. A. Moody, who held the post of Caretaker since Oct. 1908, had, I am sorry to report, to relinquish his position on account of ill health, and in his place Mr. Nelson Howard was appointed. It only remains for me to add that the members of the staff have discharged their allotted tasks in a praiseworthy manner.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

ALFRED ERRINGTON.

Librarian.

December, 1910.

Books issued from the Reference Department, 1909-10.

MONTH, 1909-1910.	General Works.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History and Travel.	Biography.	TOTAL
October 19th to 31st, 1909	14	—	3	9	4	21	22	7	6	9	8	103
November.....	33	1	15	29	16	68	62	21	21	36	19	321
December.....	30	3	21	18	6	49	46	39	28	35	22	297
January.....1910	35	—	27	20	9	57	48	30	33	62	24	345
February.....	34	—	23	19	14	53	42	26	30	43	38	322
March.....	28	2	16	16	7	53	47	23	32	52	46	322
April.....	39	4	22	20	25	63	69	36	34	40	35	387
May.....	22	3	16	14	21	62	67	32	28	28	31	324
June.....	34	2	25	21	29	73	50	14	33	37	30	348
July.....	54	—	26	15	23	61	77	19	23	43	26	367
August.....	41	2	24	16	24	88	52	32	32	39	19	369
September.....	43	1	20	28	13	54	51	12	27	31	19	299
October 1st to 18th "	26	—	14	18	3	44	24	14	13	33	20	209
Totals,	433	18	252	243	194	746	657	305	340	488	337	4013

Books issued from the Lending Department, 1909-10.

MONTH, 1909-1910.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Juvenile Works.	Prose Fiction.	Literature.	History and Travel.	Biography.	TOTAL
October 19th to 31st, 1909	12	26	26	20	75	99	33	76	350	1384	78	76	63	2318
November	16	63	78	50	180	234	92	183	890	2947	160	236	124	5253
December	27	44	52	49	150	214	68	183	795	2890	131	209	116	4928
January..... 1910	19	44	57	71	173	234	101	202	1037	3371	147	261	165	5882
February	18	64	79	52	223	271	102	204	1037	3075	131	252	164	5672
March	22	56	57	59	192	270	77	188	939	3019	122	270	142	5433
April	18	73	62	62	231	268	92	187	982	3412	129	232	143	5891
May	15	44	53	45	121	169	78	126	837	2746	102	186	106	4648
June	7	39	47	30	140	202	83	155	790	2774	106	197	110	4680
July	15	51	50	32	169	184	95	158	847	3026	115	200	133	5075
August	9	43	50	33	148	163	84	191	968	2746	119	204	94	4852
September	8	49	63	33	130	148	69	175	916	2746	117	179	90	4723
October 1st to 18th ..	6	34	42	18	86	87	36	89	510	1532	78	129	54	2701
Totals,	192	630	716	554	2018	2543	1040	2117	10938	35668	1535	2631	1504	62056

GENERAL SUMMARY.

	1908-9	1909-10
Number of volumes purchased	429	301
Number of volumes presented	49	88
Total number of volumes added	478	389
Volumes in the Lending Library	7,416	7,669
Volumes in the Reference Department	949	1,031
Abridgments of Patents	1,168	1,209
Duplicates	220	233
Total number of volumes in the Library	9,753	10,142
Number of volumes replaced	19	37
Number of volumes bound or rebound	704	499
Issues. Lending Library	64,145	62,056
Reference Library	3,881	4,013
Total	68,026	66,069
Registered number of Borrowers :—		
Burgesses	1,200	1,044
Non-Burgesses	2,224	1,865
Non-Residents	18	14
Total	3,442	3,023
Student's Tickets	228	290
Books bespoken by readers	114	95
Postal applications for overdue books	554	594
Personal applications for overdue books	64	67
Total	618	661

DONORS TO THE LIBRARY.

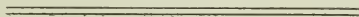
1909-1910.

Agent-General for South Australia.
 Cantrill, Mr. T., Batley.
 Carnegie, Dr. A.
 Clements, Dr. J. M., Batley.
 Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester.
 Craik, Mr. J. H., Batley.
 Elliott, Mr. J. H., Heckmondwike.
 Frazer, Mr. N. L., M.A., Batley.
 Friends, Society of, London.
 Hirst, Ald. G., J.P., Batley.
 Jubb, Mr. J. W., Batley.
 Lawrence, Sir Edward Durning-, London.
 Patent Office, London.
 Runciman, Rt. Hon. Walter, M.P.

Shaw, Mr. S., Batley.
 Shaw, Mr. W. H., Batley.
 Stubbs, Mr. R., Batley.
 Talbot, Mr. Edwin, J.P., Batley.
 Thompson, Mr. T. W., Heckmondwike.
 Turner, Ald. Ben, J.P., Batley.

Library Reports, Bulletins, and Catalogues, presented by their
 respective Librarians :—

Aberdeen.	Hove.
Ashton-under-Lyne.	Huddersfield.
Ashton Manor.	Hyde.
Baltimore, U.S.A.	Ilkley.
Barnsley.	Keighley.
Barrow-in-Furness.	Kensal Rise.
Battersea.	Kidderminster.
Belfast.	Kingston-upon-Thames.
Beverley.	Leeds.
Birmingham.	Lincoln.
Blackburn	London : Cripplegate
Bolton	Foundation.
Bootle.	Loughborough.
Bradford.	Manchester.
Buxton.	New York, U.S.A.
Chorley.	Newark.
Coventry.	Newcastle-under-Lyne.
Croydon.	Nottingham.
Dewsbury.	Paisley.
Doncaster.	Runcorn.
Dundee.	South Shields.
Eccles.	Sunderland.
Erith.	Taunton.
Gateshead.	Tynemouth.
Glasgow : Stirling's & Glasgow.	Waterloo-with-Seaforth.
Great Yarmouth.	Wolverhampton.
Hartlepool.	York.



LIST of NEWSPAPERS and PERIODICALS

Supplied to the Reading Rooms.

1909-1910.

*Presented by Publishers and others. L.—Librarian.

L.R.—Ladies' Room. M.R.—Magazine Room.

R.R.—Reading Room. R.L.—Reference Library.

Dailies.

Leeds Mercury	... R.R.	Drapers' Record	... M.R.
Liverpool Post	... R.R.	Electrical Engineer	... M.R.
London Chronicle	... R.R.	English Mechanic	... M.R.
— Daily News	... R.R.	Farm, Field & Fireside	M.R.
— Standard	... R.R.	Gardening	... M.R.
— Telegraph	... R.R.	Gentlewoman	... L.R.
— Times	... R.R.	Graphic	... M.R.
Manchester Guardian	R.R.	Great Thoughts	... M.R.
Westminster Gazette	R.R.	Hobbies	... M.R.
Yorkshire Observer (2)	R.R.	Huddersfield Examiner	R.R.
— Post (2)	... R.R.	Illustrated London News	M.R.
— Evg. News (2)	R.R.	Labour Leader	... R.R.
— Evg. Post (2)	R.R.	Lady's Pictorial	... L.R.

*Local Government

Journal ... M.R.

Weeklies.

Amateur Photographer	M.R.	London Opinion	... M.R.
American Machinist	M.R.	Model Engineer	... M.R.
Athenæum	... M.R.	Municipal Journal	... M.R.
Bazaar, Exchange and		Nation	... M.R.
Mart	... M.R.	National Home Reading	
Building News	... M.R.	Union's Publications	R.L.
Batley News	... R.R.	Nature	... R.L.
Batley Reporter	... R.R.	*Patent's (Illustrated	
Black and White	... M.R.	Official Journal)	... M.R.
Boy's Own Paper	... M.R.	Pitman's Journal	... M.R.
*Canada	... M.R.	Public Opinion	... M.R.
*Canadian Life and		Punch	... M.R.
Resources	... M.R.	" (2nd copy)	... L.R.
Chums	... M.R.	Queen	... L.R.
*Clark's Weekly	... M.R.	Schoolmaster	... M.R.
*Colliery Guardian	... M.R.	Schoolmistress	... L.R.
*Contractor's Record	... M.R.	Shop Assistant	... M.R.
Country Life	... M.R.	Spectator	... M.R.
		Sphere	... M.R.

T.P's Weekly	... M.R.	Literary World	... M.R.
Textile Mercury	... M.R.	*Mining Engineering	... M.R.
Truth	... M.R.	*Musical Herald	... M.R.
Weekly Freeman	... R.R.	Musical Times	... M.R.
Weekly Scotsman	... R.R.	Munsey's Magazine	... M.R.
Work	... M.R.	Needlecraft	... L.R.
Yorkshire Weekly Post	R.R.	Nineteenth Century	... R.L.
Monthlies.		Quiver	... L.R.
*Animal Friend	... M.R.	Review of Reviews	... M.R.
Art Journal	... L.	Socialist Review	... R.L.
Bookman	... M.R.	Strand	... M.R.
Cassell's Magazine	... M.R.	Studio	... L.
Chambers's Journal	... M.R.	Textile Recorder	... M.R.
Contemporary Review	R.L.	*University Correspondent	... R.L.
*Delineator	... L.R.	Weldon's Ladies' Journal	M.R.
English Illustrated	... M.R.	Young Man	... M.R.
Evening News	... R.L.	Young Woman	... L.R.
Girl's Own Paper	... L.R.	Quarterlies.	
Harper's Monthly	... M.R.	Hibbert Journal	... R.L.
Journal of the Society of Dyers and Colourists	M.R.	*Patents	... M.R.
Knowledge	... R.L.		

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw.
 Caledonian.
 Cambrian.
 Dublin and South Eastern.
 Glasgow and South Western.
 Great Central.
 Great Eastern.
 Great North of Scotland.
 Great Northern.
 Great Northern, Ireland.
 Great Southern and Western, Ireland.
 Great Western.
 Highland.
 North British.
 North Eastern.
 Lancashire and Yorkshire.
 London and North Western.
 London and South Western.

London, Brighton and South Coast.
 Midland.
 South Eastern and Chatham.
 Yorkshire Railway Guide.

DIRECTORIES.

Crockford's Clerical Directory.
 Gore's Liverpool.
 Kelly's Merchants, Manufacturers and Shippers.
 Kelly's North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.
 Kelly's Post Office London Directory.
 Kelly's West Riding of Yorkshire.
 Macdonald's Directory.
 Medical Directory.
 Morris' Business Directory.
 Perry's Directory.
 Slater's Manchester, Salford and Suburban Directory.
 Stubbs' Directory.
 Worrall's Yorkshire Textile Directory.

FILES OF NEWSPAPERS.

Batley News.
 Batley Reporter.
 The Times.
 Yorkshire Daily Post.
 Yorkshire Observer.



BOROUGH OF BATLEY
PUBLIC LIBRARY.



FOURTH ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN
FOR THE
Year ending October 18th, 1911.



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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS,

1910-11.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, *Ald. JOHN STUBLEY, J.P. (*Ex-Officio*)

†Ald. DAVID STUBLEY. (*Ex-Officio*)

Chairman : Mr. W. J. INESON, J.P.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor J. W. TURNER, J.P.

Members of the Council.

Councillor J. E. CHILD.

„ J. PARKER.

„ F. PRIESTLEY.

„ C. H. TALBOT.

„ B. TURNER, J.P.

„ J. WHITAKER.

Non-Members of the Council.

Rev. O. K. HOBBS, M.A.

Dr. J. H. WOODS, J.P.

Mr. W. BAGSHAW, J.P., F.R.M.S.

„ H. CROTHERS.

„ J. FEARNLEY.

„ N. L. FRAZER, M.A.

Town Clerk : Mr. J. H. CRAIK.

Librarian : ALFRED ERRINGTON.

Assistants : ANNIE E. NEWSOME and WINIFRED M. PEEL.

Caretaker : NELSON HOWARD.

* Died April 21st, 1911.

† Elected April 28th, 1911.

BOROUGH OF BATLEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT,

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BATLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my fourth Annual Report on the work of the Library for the year ending October 18th, 1911.

Stock.—The total number of volumes now in the Library is 10,735, as compared with 10,142 last year; an increase of 593 volumes. The total number of volumes added during the year, however, was 701. Of these 102 were received as donations, 497 were new works added to the Library by the Committee, and 102 were volumes purchased to replace soiled and worn out copies. The stock is classified as follows:—

CLASS.	Totals 1909-10	Vols. added	Totals 1910-11
A.—Philosophy	113	21	134
B.—Religion	484	18	502
C.—Sociology	289	26	315
D.—Philology	73	—	73
E.—Natural Science	586	15	601
F.—Useful Arts	475	22	497
G.—Fine Arts	255	5	260
H.—Music	260	5	265
J.—Juvenile Works	489	67	556
K.—Prose Fiction	2058	107	2165
L.—Literature	734	44	778
M.—History and Travel	1101	32	1133
N.—Biography	752	21	773
Reference Works	1031	78	1109
Abridgments of Patents	1209	86	1295
Duplicates	233	46	279
Totals	10142	593	10735

The stock is in good condition, although many Juvenile books and works of Fiction are now showing signs of wear and will have to be replaced shortly. During the past twelve months 323 volumes were rebound, 284 being from the Lending Department and 39 from the Reference Library. The amount paid by borrowers for damages, &c., to books was 15s.

Issues.—I have again to record a further falling off in the number of books issued, but this, I think, is largely due to the exceptionally fine summer we have had, which induced readers to spend more time out of doors, and consequently less in reading, and the excitement of the General Election at the end of 1910. The number of volumes issued from the Lending and Reference Departments was 61,255, as compared with 66,069 for the previous year. The number of volumes issued in the various classes during the years 1909-1910 and 1910-1911 is shown in the following table:—

CLASS.			Issued 1909-10	Issued 1910-11	Increase	Decrease
General Works	...	...	433	451	18	—
A.—Philosophy	...	...	210	215	5	—
B.—Religion	...	...	882	951	69	—
C.—Sociology	...	...	959	865	—	94
D.—Philology	...	...	748	492	—	256
E.—Natural Science	...	...	2764	2155	—	609
F.—Useful Arts	...	...	3200	2409	—	791
G.—Fine Arts	...	...	1315	989	—	326
H.—Music	...	...	2117	1966	—	151
J.—Juvenile Works	...	...	10938	11305	367	—
K.—Prose Fiction	...	...	35668	33295	—	2373
L.—Literature	...	...	1875	1962	87	—
M.—History and Travel	...	...	3119	2699	—	420
N.—Biography	...	...	1841	1501	—	340
Totals			66069	61255	546	5360

Net decrease—4814

Lending Department.—The Lending Library stock now numbers 8,052 volumes, an increase of 383 during the year. The number of volumes issued from this Department was 57,931, as compared with 62,056 during 1909-10, a decrease of 4,125. An examination of the Table on page 10 shows that increases occur in Philosophy, Religion, Sociology, Juvenile Works, and General Literature; and decreases in Philology.

Natural Science, Useful Arts, Fine Arts, Music, Prose Fiction, Biography, and History and Travel. Towards the end of the year our issues showed signs of improvement, and judging by the number of new readers we have recently enrolled and the number of books we are at present issuing, there is every prospect of a very busy Winter and a substantial increase in our circulation during the next few months.

Borrowers.—At the present time 3,008 Borrowers' tickets are in force. This number includes 281 Students' tickets, and 14 tickets issued to Non-Residents under rule 8. The actual number of borrowers residing within the Borough is 2,713: 1,415 being males, and 1,298 females. The number of borrowers in each ward is as follows:—

North	...	...	...	...	944
East	...	...	...	...	973
West	...	...	...	...	536
Soothill	...	...	...	...	260
Total					<u>2713</u>

Overdue Books.—The recovery of books kept beyond the time allowed entails a great amount of work on the staff. During the past twelve months it was found necessary to make 805 postal applications for overdue books, and 18 personal applications in cases where postal applications had proved ineffective. The amount received in fines was £37 16s. 11d. The amount received last year was £28 8s. 6d.

Cash Receipts.—The cash receipts during the year from all sources were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Catalogues	...	...	...
Fines	...	...	...
Postages	...	...	...
Damages, &c.	...	...	...
Sale of papers, &c.	...	...	...
Ladies' lavatory	...	...	...
Subscriptions from Non-Residents	...	...	...
Total	<u>63</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9½</u>

Reserved Books.—Under rule 19, borrowers are allowed to bespeak non-fictional works on payment of one penny. During the year, 105 books were reserved by readers in this way, as compared with 95 for the preceding year.

Library Catalogues.—The Catalogue of the books in the Lending Department, upon which the staff were engaged for a considerable time, was published in February, but I regret to report that, although the price was fixed at a figure low enough to bring it within the reach of every borrower, the sales have been extremely disappointing, only 332 copies having been sold in eight months. In September a brief catalogue of the books in the Reference Department was issued, and this is being distributed gratis to adult readers, and to purchasers of the Lending Library Catalogue.

Reference Department.—104 volumes were added to the Reference Department during the year. Against this number however, must be deducted 6 volumes which were withdrawn from circulation, and 20 volumes which were transferred to the Lending Department, making the net additions to this Department 78 volumes. The Reference Library stock now numbers 1,109 volumes. The issues during the year were 3,324 volumes, a decrease of 689 as compared with the issue for the preceding year.

Reading Rooms.—The Reading Rooms, which are open daily from 8-30 a.m. till 9-30 p.m., continue to be well attended. Several interesting additions have been made to the list of periodicals supplied to the Magazine Room, the chief being "Century Magazine," "T.P's Magazine," "Cornhill Magazine," "Les Annales," and "Die Woche." 110 Periodicals are now supplied to the Reading Rooms, 17 being Dailies, 55 Weeklies, 36 Monthlies, and 2 Quarterlies.

Donations.—Cordial thanks have been tendered to the various donors of books, pamphlets, and newspapers, during the past year, and a list of those who have presented books, &c., is appended.

Library Association.—I attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Perth, in September, under the Presidency of Sir John A. Dewar, Bart., M.P. A report of the proceedings was submitted to the Committee at their September meeting, and a copy of the report was sent to each member of the Committee in October.

Reading Circles.—Two Reading Circles were again organised and met monthly at the Library during last Winter. The subjects dealt with were "Shakespeare", and "Makers of modern England," the former circle being led by the Rev. F. W. Butt-Thompson, and the latter by Mr. Hamilton

Crothers. The thanks of the Committee are due to these gentlemen for acting as Leaders, for without their zealous co-operation the circles could not have been carried on.

Half-Hour Talks.—During last Winter the fourth series of Half-Hour Talks was organised and delivered at the Library, fortnightly, on Thursday evenings. The Talks, eleven in number, were again of an interesting character, and were, I am pleased to report, attended in larger numbers than during the previous years. The warmest thanks of the Committee are due, and are hereby tendered, to the gentlemen who so willingly gave their valuable services and enabled the Committee to carry on this useful work.

The following is a list of the Talks given:—

1910.

- Oct. 6th—MR. WALTER BAGSHAW, F.R.M.S.
“An Evening with Pictures.”
- Oct. 20th—MR. A. E. BENNEY.
“Bird Lore.”
- Nov. 3rd—REV. J. H. BLANDFORD, M.A.
“When Fire and Water Meet.”
- Nov. 17th—MR. G. H. KILBURN, M.A.
“Queen Bess’s Sea-Dogs.”
- Dec. 1st—REV. E. BULMER.
“How a Cattle Shed became a Cathedral.”
- Dec. 15th—MR. F. B. HIRST.
“The Wonderful thing called Light.”
(A talk to children).

1911.

- Jan. 12th—MR. R. WESTERN.
“Our Household Insects.”
- Jan. 26th—MR. OSWALD JONES.
“A Talk about Welsh Literature.”
- Feb. 9th—MR. JOHN FEARNLEY.
“Beethoven.” (Pianoforte illustrations).
- Feb. 23rd—REV. H. T. HAYMAN, M.A.
“The Animals of Dickens.”
- Mar. 9th—MR. J. MOULDEN, M.A.
“Robert Louis Stevenson.”

Exhibition of Holiday Literature.—An Exhibition of Holiday Literature, consisting of guide books to the various health resorts and holiday centres, time tables and publications issued by the Railway Companies, and a large number of photographs and lantern slides of beautiful scenery and places of historic interest, was held at the Library during June. The Exhibition proved so useful and attractive to those arranging holidays that an effort will be made to hold a similar one next year. In connection with the Exhibition, lantern lectures were delivered by the Rev. F. W. Butt-Thompson, on "London," and Mr. G. H. Kilburn, M.A., on "The Yorkshire Dales and Coast," both of which were well attended and highly appreciated.

Statistics.—Appended are the usual statistical tables, list of donors, &c.

Yours obediently,

ALFRED ERRINGTON,

Librarian.

Books issued from the Reference Department.

MONTH, 1910—1911.	General Works.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History and Travel.	Biography.	TOTAL
October 19th to 31st, 1910	16	3	8	6	2	24	19	12	12	9	19	130
November.....	30	3	21	13	39	48	32	17	26	25	16	270
December.....	32	2	18	17	17	43	34	13	24	22	22	244
January.....1911	46	1	26	18	20	57	43	15	51	34	34	345
February.....	40	5	27	11	23	68	44	14	44	25	24	367
March.....	37	—	20	5	6	65	86	17	61	17	69	342
April.....	36	1	17	27	17	43	24	18	33	8	40	264
May.....	47	—	35	10	12	40	46	11	26	15	47	289
June.....	36	—	15	6	16	40	16	20	25	9	14	196
July.....	32	—	12	6	12	22	39	10	29	4	16	182
August.....	32	—	21	5	14	31	16	9	29	9	31	197
September.....	45	—	26	5	18	44	26	14	34	29	49	290
October 1st to 18th "	23	—	10	4	12	32	15	28	25	9	50	208
Totals	451	15	256	133	208	557	441	198	419	215	431	3324
Totals 1909-1910	433	18	252	243	194	746	657	305	340	488	337	4013
Increase	18	—	4	—	14	—	—	—	79	—	94	209
Decrease	—	3	—	110	—	189	216	107	—	273	—	898

Books issued from the Lending Department.

MONTH, 1910—1911.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Juvenile Works.	Prose Fiction.	Literature.	History and Travel.	Biography.	TOTAL
October 19th to 31st, 1910	9	32	44	17	93	93	30	92	442	1364	81	81	54	2432
November	15	64	84	30	159	159	86	169	870	2912	160	196	100	4997
December	13	40	43	21	157	157	71	162	929	2860	114	190	90	4812
January	11	51	59	23	156	156	75	163	926	2866	124	208	116	4887
February	14	63	73	21	137	185	73	172	888	2717	139	220	103	4805
March	28	65	82	20	139	224	66	172	1076	3096	174	244	102	5488
April	18	59	57	15	148	165	80	179	910	2921	141	209	84	4986
May	24	51	55	32	128	163	65	181	951	2613	129	227	111	4730
June	7	54	49	27	146	124	63	144	963	2494	92	197	82	4442
July	18	53	45	24	125	116	65	125	868	2558	97	188	55	4340
August	14	54	51	26	106	147	38	145	958	2554	106	195	65	4462
September	15	62	56	17	120	157	54	161	980	2752	113	189	70	4746
October 1st to 18th "	14	47	34	11	73	122	25	101	544	1588	73	137	35	2804
Totals	200	695	732	284	1598	1968	791	1966	11305	33295	1543	2484	1070	57931
Totals 1909-10	192	630	716	554	2018	2543	1010	2117	10938	35668	1535	2631	1504	62056
Increase	8	65	16	—	—	—	—	—	367	—	8	—	—	464
Decrease	—	—	—	270	420	575	219	151	—	2373	—	147	434	4589

GENERAL SUMMARY.

	1909-10	1910-11
Number of volumes presented	88	102
Number of volumes purchased	301	497
Number of volumes replaced	37	102
Total number of volumes added	426	701
Number of volumes rebound	499	323
Volumes in the Lending Department	7,669	8,052
Volumes in the Reference Department	1,031	1,109
Abridgments of Patents	1,209	1,295
Duplicates	233	279
Total number of volumes in the Library	10,142	10,735
Issues :—Lending Department	62,056	57,931
Reference Department	4,013	3,324
Total	66,069	61,255
Borrowers :—Burgesses	1,044	957
Non-Burgesses	1,865	1,756
Non-Residents	14	14
Students' Tickets	290	281
Total	3,313	3,008
Books bespoken by borrowers	95	105
Postal applications for overdue books	594	805
Personal applications for overdue books	67	18
Total number of applications for overdue books	661	823

GENERAL DATA.

Area of the Borough	3,227 acres
Population, 1911	36,395
Rateable value	£142,216 17 0
Income of Library from 1d. Rate	£540
Public Libraries Act adopted	January 26th, 1904
Foundation Stone of the Public Library laid by the Mayor (Alderman G. Hirst, J.P.)	July 18th, 1905
Library opened by the Mayor (Councillor W. J. Ineson.)	October 19th, 1907

DONORS TO THE LIBRARY.

1910-1911.

Agent-General for Australia.
 Batley and District Astronomical Society.
 British Museum, Trustees of the, London.
 Butt-Thompson, Rev. F. W., Batley.
 Cantrill, Mr. T., Batley.
 Covenant Publishing Co., Melbourne.
 Co-operative Wholesale Societies Ltd., Manchester.
 Cotterill, G. C., London.
 Dyson, Mr. J. H., Thornhill.
 Fifield, Mr. A. C., London.
 Frazer, Mr. N. L., M.A., Batley.
 Hirst, Ald. G., J.P., Batley.
 Patent Office, London.
 Pearce, Dr. G. H., Batley.
 Peto, Mr. L. C.
 Rhodes, Mr. Josiah, Lytham.
 Runciman, Rt. Hon. Walter, M.P., London.
 Shaw, Mr. Sam, Batley.
 Stubbs Publishing Co., London.
 Swedenborg Society, London.
 Talbot, Mr. Edwin, J.P., Batley.
 Taylor, Mr. T.C., M.P., Batley.
 Testimony Publishing Co., Chicago.
 Thompson, Mr. T. W., Heckmondwike.
 Turner, Coun. Ben, J.P., Batley.

**Library Reports, Bulletins and Catalogues, presented by their
respective Librarians :—**

Aberdeen.	Bradford.
Ashton-under-Lyne.	Bury.
Aston Manor.	Buxton.
Baltimore, U.S.A.	Cardiff.
Barnsley.	Chorley.
Barrow-in-Furness.	Coventry.
Battersea.	Croydon.
Belfast.	Dewsbury.
Beverley.	Doncaster.
Birmingham.	Dundee.
Blackburn.	Eccles.
Bolton.	Erith.
Booth.	Gateshead.

Glasgow : Stirling's & Glasgow.	New York, U.S. A.
Grand Rapids, Mich.	Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Great Yarmouth.	Nottingham.
Hartlepool.	Paisley.
Hove.	Runcorn.
Huddersfield.	South Shields.
Hyde.	Sunderland.
Keighley.	Taunton.
Kensal Rise.	Twickenham.
Kettering.	Tynemouth.
Kidderminster.	Walthamstow.
Kingston-upon-Thames.	Waterloo-with-Seaforth.
Leeds.	Willesden.
Lincoln.	Windsor.
London : Cripplegate	Wolverhampton.
Foundation.	Workington.
Loughborough.	York.
Manchester.	

LIST of NEWSPAPERS and PERIODICALS

Supplied to the Reading Rooms.

*Presented by Publishers and others.

L.R.—Ladies' Room. M.R.—Magazine Room.

R.R.—Reading Room. R.L.—Reference Library.

L.—Librarian.

Dailies.

Leeds Mercury	... R.R.
Liverpool Post	... R.R.
London Chronicle	... R.R.
— Daily News	... R.R.
— Standard	... R.R.
— Telegraph	... R.R.
— Times	... R.R.
Manchester Guardian	R.R.
Westminster Gazette	R.R.
Yorkshire Observer (2)	R.R.
— Post (2)	... R.R.
— Evg. News (2)	R.R.
— Evg. Post (2)	R.R.

Weeklies.

Amateur Photographer	M.R.
American Machinist	M.R.
Athenæum	... M.R.
Bazaar, Exchange and	
Mart	... M.R.
Building News	... M.R.
Batley News	... R.R.
Batley Reporter	... R.R.
Black and White	... M.R.
Boy's Own Paper	... M.R.
*Canada	... M.R.
*Canadian Life and	
Resources	... M.R.

Chums ...	... M.R.	Work ...	... M.R.
*Clark's Weekly ...	... M.R.	Yorkshire Weekly Post	R.R.
*Colliery Guardian ...	... M.R.		
*Contractor's Record ...	... M.R.	Monthlies.	
Country Life ...	... M.R.	*Animals' Friend ...	... M.R.
Die Woche ...	... M.R.	Art Journal ...	... L.
Drapers' Record ...	... M.R.	Bookman ...	... M.R.
Electrical Engineer ...	... M.R.	Cassell's Magazine ...	... M.R.
English Mechanic ...	... M.R.	Century Illustrated	
Farm, Field & Fireside	M.R.	Monthly Magazine ...	R.R.
Gardening ...	... M.R.	Chambers's Journal ...	M.R.
Gentlewoman ...	... L.R.	Contemporary Review	R.L.
Graphic ...	... M.R.	Cornhill Magazine ...	M.R.
Great Thoughts ...	... M.R.	*Delineator ...	... L.R.
Hobbies ...	... M.R.	English Illustrated ...	... M.R.
Huddersfield Examiner	R.R.	Fortnightly Review ...	R.L.
Illustrated London News	M.R.	Girl's Own Paper ...	L.R.
Labour Leader ...	... R.R.	Harper's Monthly ...	M.R.
Lady's Pictorial ...	... L.R.	Journal of the Society of	
Les Annales ...	... M.R.	Dyers and Colourists	M.R.
*Local Government		Knowledge ...	R.L.
Journal ...	... M.R.	Literary World ...	M.R.
London Opinion ...	... M.R.	*Mining Engineering ...	M.R.
Model Engineer ...	... M.R.	*Musical Herald ...	M.R.
Municipal Journal ...	... M.R.	Musical Times ...	M.R.
Nation ...	... M.R.	Munsey's Magazine ...	M.R.
Nature ...	... R.L.	National Home Reading	
*Outlook (U.S.A.) ...	... R.R.	Union's Publications	R.L.
*Patent's (Illustrated		Needlecraft ...	L.R.
Official Journal) ...	... M.R.	Nineteenth Century ...	R.L.
Pitman's Journal ...	... M.R.	Quiver ...	L.R.
Public Opinion ...	... M.R.	Review of Reviews ...	M.R.
Punch ...	... M.R.	Socialist Review ...	R.L.
„ (2nd copy) ...	... L.R.	Strand ...	M.R.
Queen ...	... L.R.	Studio ...	L.
*Saturday Evening		T. P's Magazine ...	M.R.
Post (U.S.A.) ...	... R.R.	Textile Recorder ...	M.R.
Schoolmaster ...	... M.R.	*University Correspon-	
Schoolmistress ...	... L.R.	dent ...	R.L.
Shop Assistant ...	... M.R.	Weldon's Ladies' Journal	M.R.
Spectator ...	... M.R.	Young Man ...	M.R.
Sphere ...	... M.R.	Young Woman ...	L.R.
T.P's Weekly ...	... M.R.		
Textile Mercury ...	... M.R.	Quarterlies.	
Truth ...	... M.R.	Hibbert Journal ...	R.L.
Weekly Freeman ...	... R.R.	*Patents ...	M.R.
Weekly Scotsman ...	... R.R.		

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw.
 Caledonian.
 Cambrian.
 Dublin and South Eastern.
 Glasgow and South Western.
 Great Central.
 Great Eastern.
 Great North of Scotland.
 Great Northern.
 Great Northern, Ireland.
 Great Southern and Western, Ireland.
 Great Western.
 Highland.
 North British.
 North Eastern.
 Lancashire and Yorkshire.
 London and North Western.
 London and South Western.
 London, Brighton and South Coast.
 Midland.
 South Eastern and Chatham.
 Yorkshire Railway Guide

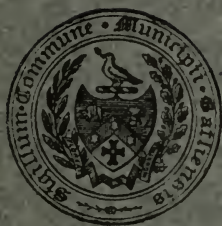
DIRECTORIES.

Crockford's Clerical Directory.
 Gore's Liverpool.
 Kelly's Merchants, Manufacturers and Shippers.
 Kelly's North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.
 Kelly's Post Office London Directory.
 Kelly's West Riding of Yorkshire.
 Macdonald's Directory.
 Medical Directory.
 Morris' Business Directory.
 Perry's Directory.
 Slater's Manchester, Salford and Suburban Directory.
 Stubbs' Directory.
 Worrall's Yorkshire Textile Directory.

FILES OF NEWSPAPERS.

Batley News.
 Batley Reporter.
 The Times.
 Yorkshire Daily Post.
 Yorkshire Observer.

BOROUGH OF BATLEY
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FIFTH
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FOR THE PERIOD

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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS,

1911-13.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, Ald. DAVID STUBLEY, J.P. (*Ex-Officio*),
1911—12.

Ald. SMITH WARD, J.P. (*Ex-Officio*),
1912—13.

Chairman : Mr. W. J. INESON, J.P.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor J. W. TURNER, J.P.

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Councillor J. E. CHILD.

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„ H. CROTHERS.

„ J. FEARNLEY.

„ N. L. FRAZER, M.A.

Town Clerk : Mr. J. H. CRAIK.

Librarian : ALFRED ERRINGTON.

Assistants : ANNIE E. NEWSOME and EVELYN M. WALKER.

Caretaker : ARTHUR F. GARNER.

BOROUGH OF BATLEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S FIFTH REPORT, 1911—1913.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BATLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting to you my fifth report on the work of the Library. My last report ended on October 18th, 1911, the present one covers a period of about $17\frac{1}{2}$ months, from October 19th, 1911, to March 31st, 1913.

Stock.—The accessions to the stock of the Library were 1,621 in number, 785 of which were acquired by purchase, and 836 by donation. The total number of volumes in the Library at the present time is 12,356. Of these, 8,778 are in the Lending Department, 2,527 are in the Reference Department, 356 volumes, chiefly works of Fiction, have been set aside to be used as replacements, and 686 works presented to the Library have yet to be located. The stock is classified as follows:—

CLASS	Totals Oct. 1-th, 1911.	Vols. added.	Totals Mar 31st, 1913
A.—Philosophy ...	134	6	140
B.—Religion ...	502	33	535
C.—Sociology ...	315	24	339
D.—Philology ...	73	1	74
E.—Natural Science ...	601	48	649
F.—Useful Arts ...	497	36	533
G.—Fine Arts ...	260	10	270
H.—Music ...	265	17	282
J.—Juvenile Works ...	556	106	662
K.—Prose Fiction ...	2165	255	2420
L.—Literature ...	778	64	842
M.—History and Travel ...	1133	89	1222
N.—Biography ...	773	37	810
Reference Works ...	1109	87	1196
Abridgments of Patents ...	1295	36	1331
Duplicates ...	279	86	365
Donations not yet classified ...	-	686	686
Total	10735	1621	12356

A table showing the number of books issued each month from each class will be found on page 11.

Borrowers.—There are at present 2,927 borrowers' tickets in force. Of these, 2,568 are the ordinary tickets, issued to persons residing in the Borough, 346 are students' tickets, and 13 are in the hands of non-residents. The total number of tickets in use shows a decrease of 81 on the number given in my last report. The number of borrowers in each ward is as follows:—

North	...	...	...	1006
Soothill	...	...	...	243
East	...	...	...	898
West	...	...	...	421
Total				2568

Overdue Books and Cash Receipts.—It was found necessary to make 1,031 postal applications requesting the return of books kept beyond the time allowed, and 17 personal applications in cases where the postal application had proved ineffective. The amount received in fines was £53 7s. 1d., which works out at an average of about 15s. per week. The total cash receipts from all sources was £81 5s. 10½d., and are shown as follows:—

			£	s.	d.
Catalogues	...	...	...	3	1 6
Fines	...	...	...	53	7 1
Postages	...	...	...	2	7 5½
Damages	...	...	...	0	17 10
Waste Papers	...	...	...	13	9 8
Ladies' Lavatory	...	...	...	5	2 4
Subscriptions from Non-Residents			...	3	0 0
Total				£81	5 10½

Reference Department. The number of books now in the Reference Department is 2,527, an increase of 123. The number of volumes consulted was 3,701. The issue from this department has never been very large, partly because the people of Batley find it difficult to make time to use it, but chiefly because the books stocked there do not appeal very largely to the residents of the Borough. An effort to popularise the department and extend its usefulness is now being made by forming special collections of books dealing

with the industries of the district. For some time the Reference Library has contained a good number of books on Coal Mining, and now, thanks to the generosity of the Ex-Mayor, Alderman David Stubley, J.P., our collection of books dealing with the Textile trades has been materially strengthened and increased. The aim of the Committee in the future will be to keep these collections up-to-date, and it is hoped that the miners and the textile workers, and students attending the Technical School will make the fullest possible use of these two collections of books which are provided for their special benefit.

Lists of Additions. Lists of books added to the Library are now published periodically in the local newspapers, and arrangements have been made whereby reprints are supplied for gratuitous distribution among our readers. The publication of these lists in the newspapers is an excellent way of making known to our readers, and the public generally, what books are being purchased, and may be obtained from the Library. Our thanks are tendered to the Editors of the "Batley Reporter" and the "Batley News," for their kindness in finding space in their papers for the lists, and for help rendered on many occasions by publishing paragraphs calling the attention of the public to the work of the Library.

School Libraries. An important feature of our work during the past twelve months has been the co-operation between the Education Committee and the Library Committee in the establishment of a number of small libraries in the schools on the outskirts of the Borough. These libraries have been provided out of a grant of £30 made by the Education Committee, who also appointed a sub-committee to act with the Library Committee in the matter. Out of the grant, 300 carefully selected volumes and five bookcases were purchased. The scheme accepted by the Committees provides that the following schools, viz.—Carlinghow Boys', Warwick Road Boys', Healey Mixed, and the Church of England Schools at Hanging Heaton, Staincliffe, and Brownhill, shall each receive, on loan, 50 volumes, the books supplied to be exchanged periodically (about every eight months) between one school and another, so that in the course of time the whole 300 volumes will circulate in each of the schools. The scheme is working very satisfactorily, and judging from the reports supplied by the Head Masters, and the number of volumes issued, the libraries have been thoroughly successful and are doing useful work. The books were put into circulation in April, 1912, and

during the year ending March 31st, 1913, 8,034 volumes were circulated in the six schools. This large issue, together with an increased issue from the Juvenile Section of the Public Library, clearly shows that the children desire to read, and will read good books if they are provided for them, and that our efforts to supply suitable reading are fully appreciated by the children. Our thanks are due to the Education Committee for the sympathetic manner in which they received this Committee's request for financial help, and to the Head Masters and Teachers for their cordial co-operation, for without their aid the scheme could not have been carried out.

Reading Circles.—During the Winter of 1910-11, two Reading Circles met at the Library each month. The Circles took for their subjects "Coming Social Reforms," and "Shakespeare," the former Circle being led by Mr. Norman L. Frazer, M.A., and Mr. Hamilton Crothers, and the latter Circle by the Rev. F. W. Butt-Thompson. During the past winter the "Shakespearean" Circle has again met (this is for the third year, under Mr. Butt-Thompson's leadership), the session being inaugurated on Tuesday, September 24th, by Professor F. W. Moorman, M.A., Ph.D., of Leeds University, who delivered before a large and appreciative audience, an excellent lecture on "Shakespeare, the Man." The thanks of the Committee are due to the gentlemen named above for leading the Reading Circles, and to Dr. Moorman for his lecture.

Half-Hour Talks.—During the period under review, two series of "Talks" have been held. Both series were again held monthly, on Monday evenings, and were, I am pleased to report, better attended than during any previous session. The "Talks," which were all upon interesting subjects, as a glance at the list appended will show, were heartily enjoyed by all who attended. The Committee are greatly indebted to the gentlemen named below for delivering the "Talks," and for the help they have thus given to the work of the Library.

1911.

LIST OF TALKS.

Oct. 2nd—Dr. TEMPEST ANDERSON.

*"Matavau, a new volcano in Savaii."

Nov. 6th—Mr. W. J. INESON, J.P.

"How to listen to Music, by a Layman"

(with vocal and pianoforte illustrations).

Dec. 4th—Rev. F. W. BUTT-THOMPSON.

*"Spain as I know it."

1912.

- Jan. 8th—Dr. J. A. ERSKINE STUART.
 "Modern Scottish Fiction."
 Feb. 5th—Rev. H. T. HAYMAN, M.A.
 "Dickens's Spirit of Christmas."
 Mar. 4th—Mr. WALTER BAGSHAW, J.P., F.R.M.S.
 "What to see in the Batley Museum."
 Oct. 14th—Mr. G. H. McC. KILBURN, M.A.
 "Some Romances of Discovery."
 Nov. 4th—Mr. A. E. BENNEY, of Bradford.
 "The Hoar Apple-tree."
 Dec. 2nd—Rev. R. N. SHELTON, B.A., Mus. Bac.
 "Church Music"
 (with pianoforte illustrations).

1913.

- Jan. 6th—Mr. H. COULTER, of Ilkley.
 "George Borrow, the Lavengro."
 Feb. 3rd—Mr. FRANK RUTTER, B.A., of Leeds.
 * "How to appreciate Pictures."

Talks marked (*) were illustrated by Lantern Slides.

Library Associations.—I again attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association which was held this year at Liverpool during the week commencing Monday, Sept. 2nd, 1912, and in accordance with the usual custom submitted a report of the proceedings to the members of the Committee at their September meeting.

On Thursday, November 7th, by invitation of the Library Committee, the Yorkshire Branch of the Library Assistants' Association, held their quarterly meeting at Batley. The members of the Association were welcomed at the Library by His Worship the Mayor, Ald. David Stubley, J.P. and the Chairman of the Library Committee, Mr. W. J. Ineson, J.P. At the afternoon session a paper on "The Public Library and its value to an Industrial Community" was read by Mr. G. W. Strother, of Leeds, and after inspecting the Library the members adjourned to the Town Hall, to partake of tea, kindly provided by Mr. Ineson. After tea, the Association reassembled at the Library to discuss two papers on "Some notes on Library Reform" and "Is Annotation desirable in a Modern Library Catalogue," read by Mr. R. W. Parsons, of Bradford, and Mr. R. Haxby, of Leeds, respectively.

Donations.—The donations received have been more numerous and of greater value than during any other period since the opening of the Library. The gifts received include 89 volumes from the Trustees of Zion Sunday School, 710 volumes from the Trustees of Hanover Street Congregational Church Sunday School, 35 volumes from Alderman David Stubley, J.P., and copies of Whitaker's "Ducatus Leodiensis," and "Loidis and Elmetc," and the "Sale Catalogues of the Cardigan Estates, Yorkshire, 1888-9," bequeathed to the library by the late Mr. Michael Sheard. The thanks of the Committee have been tendered to all donors, a list of whom is embodied in this report.

Statistical Tables and Balance Sheet.—Appended are the usual statistical tables, list of donors, etc., and a financial statement from April 1st, 1912, to March 31st, 1913, prepared by Mr. Cantrill, the Borough Treasurer.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Chairman and the Members of the Committee for the courteous consideration they have at all times given to the suggestions I have brought forward, and to acknowledge the valuable and loyal services rendered by my Assistants.

Yours obediently,

ALFRED ERRINGTON,

Librarian.

Books issued from the Lending Department.

MONTH.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Music.	Juvenile Works (all classes).	Prose Fiction.	Literature.	History and Travel.	Biography.	TOTAL
October 19th, 1911, to March 31st, 1912	118	327	383	115	728	1177	319	1138	6733	17892	815	1375	590	31710
April	17	39	41	11	127	166	77	170	1311	3242	116	207	100	5624
May.....	15	35	62	17	144	175	60	175	1124	2911	116	230	69	5133
June.....	25	42	41	17	134	146	66	195	970	2821	109	213	58	4837
July.....	6	28	22	8	63	72	22	85	515	1413	47	89	31	2401
August.....	14	37	28	10	102	98	46	177	675	1784	71	177	59	3278
September	24	53	30	10	112	148	62	196	847	2579	115	236	60	4472
October	35	49	47	16	138	180	75	219	974	2888	135	255	91	5102
November	30	52	48	22	132	193	79	186	1073	3164	119	243	104	5445
December	26	59	35	15	77	144	49	199	985	2617	96	196	68	4567
January.....1913	41	57	34	21	87	172	56	204	1098	3130	116	211	73	5300
February.....	32	43	43	40	107	155	67	185	1103	2795	111	251	76	5008
March.....	34	56	40	21	108	153	79	182	1225	3004	160	257	97	5416
Totals	417	877	854	324	2059	2979	1057	3311	18633	50240	2126	3940	1476	88293

Books issued from the Reference Department.

MONTH.	General Works. (Encyclopædia.)	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History and Travel.	Biography.	TOTAL
October 19th, 1911, to												
March 31st, 1912	231	13	124	54	106	216	176	81	178	159	192	1530
April.....	43	—	29	8	25	35	40	3	31	10	33	257
May.....	35	—	14	2	22	28	20	7	25	9	11	173
June.....	37	1	18	9	9	49	21	12	20	25	11	212
July.....	23	1	9	7	5	21	9	6	17	18	10	126
August.....	23	—	12	6	10	18	25	3	14	6	7	124
September.....	34	2	27	3	5	36	36	22	12	12	7	196
October.....	45	5	20	13	3	34	25	37	17	13	17	229
November.....	33	1	9	5	5	26	18	7	13	7	2	126
December.....	37	1	11	11	11	21	24	5	10	12	2	145
January.....1913	37	—	14	5	5	25	31	19	24	8	13	181
February.....	33	6	22	8	4	32	15	6	10	21	16	173
March.....	53	1	25	6	11	33	18	31	21	18	12	229
Totals	664	31	334	137	221	574	458	239	392	318	333	3701

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Number of books presented	...	...	...	836
Number of volumes purchased	...	...	...	785
Number of volumes replaced	...	...	...	230
Total number of volumes added	...	...	...	1,851
Number of volumes rebound	...	...	...	550
Number of volumes repaired by the staff	...	...	...	3,000
Number of volumes in the Lending Department	...	...	...	8,778
Number of volumes in the Reference Department	...	...	...	2,527
Duplicates	...	...	...	365
Donations not yet classified	...	...	...	686
Total number of volumes in the Library	...	...	...	12,356
Volumes issued from the Lending Department	...	...	...	88,392
Volumes issued from the Reference Department	...	...	...	3,701
Total number of volumes issued from the Library	...	...	...	91,994
Number of volumes issued from the School Libraries	...	...	...	8,034
Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force	...	...	...	2,927
Number of books bespoken by Borrowers	...	...	...	151
Postal applications for overdue books	...	...	...	1,031
Personal applications for overdue books	...	...	...	17
Total number of applications for overdue books	...	...	...	1,048

GENERAL DATA.

Area of the Borough	3,227 acres
Population, 1911	36,395
Rateable value	£143,412 10 0
Income of Library from 1d. rate	£543 0 0
Public Libraries Act adopted	January 26th, 1904
Foundation Stone of the Public Library laid by the Mayor (Alderman G. Hirst, J.P.)	July 18th, 1905
*Library opened by the Mayor (Councillor W. J. Ineson, J.P.)	October 19th, 1907
Lending Library opened under the Open Access System	August 12th, 1912

*Dr.***Free Library Revenue Account for**

Expenditure.			£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages	...	...	255	7	8
New Books and Replacements	...	...	85	6	5
Bookbinding	...	...	27	1	0
Newspapers and Periodicals	...	...	63	3	7
Stationery and Stamps	...	...	22	6	0
Advertising	...	...	1	17	10
Insurance (Fire)	...	...	0	9	5
Subscriptions to Societies	...	...	3	9	0
Electricity, Gas, and Fittings	...	...	35	2	11
Rates, Water, and Water Rents	...	...	42	5	0
Coal and Coke	...	...	15	16	1
Ironmongery, &c.	...	...	3	17	4
Sundries and Sundry Expenses	...	...	21	10	4
Plumber's Work	...	...	2	0	0
Alteration—Open Access... ..	...	...	83	14	9
Income Tax "D"	...	...	0	7	7
Insurance (National Health)	...	...	1	11	3
			£	665	6 2

*Dr.***Free Library Capital Account,**

	£	s.	d.
To Expenditure to 31st March, 1913...	8902	16	6
	£	8902	16 6

*Dr.***Balance Sheet,**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Creditors				13	11	10
Surplus:—	£	s.	d.			
Gift of A. Carnegie, Esq.	6988	0	0			
Transfer from Gas Revenue	1914	16	6			
			8902 16 6			
To Treasurer:—						
Balance owing on Revenue Account				4	5	8
Revenue deficit in year	65	19	2			
Less Cr. Balance, 31st Mar., 1912	48	1	8	17	17	6
				8884	19	0
				£	8902	16 6

the Year ending March 31st, 1913.

Cr.

Income.

	£	s.	d.	
By Rate in aid	543	0	0	
Sale of Catalogues	1	4	6	
Sale of Newspapers, &c....	8	19	5	
Fines	35	8	7	
Subscriptions... ..	1	12	6	
Postages	1	8	8	
Damages and Replacements ...	0	9	3	
Use of Lavatory	3	13	10	
				595 16 9
Bank Interest				3 10 3
				599 7 0
Balance deficit in year				65 19 2
	£	665	6 2	

31st March, 1913.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	
By Andrew Carnegie, Esq., Gift	6988	0	0	
Transfer from Gas Revenue	1914	16	6	
	£	8902	16 6	

31st March, 1913.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	
By Expenditure on Building	8902	16	6	
	£	8902	16 6	

DONORS TO THE LIBRARY.

1911—1913.

Bagshaw, Mr. Walter, J.P., Birkenshaw.
 British Museum, Trustees of the, London.
 Browne, Ltd., Messrs. T. B., London.
 Butt-Thompson, Rev. F. W., Batley.
 Cantrill, Mr. T., Batley.
 Cassidy, Mr. J., London.
 Collett, Mr. T. W., J.P., Batley.
 Congregational Church Sunday School, Trustees of, Hanover
 Street, Batley.
 Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., Manchester.
 Errington, Mr. A., Batley.
 Evans, Mr. D., Cardiff.
 Frazer, Mr. N. L., M.A., Batley.
 Hobbs, Mr. C., Batley.
 Ineson, Mr. W. J., J.P., Batley.
 Leech, The family of the late Sir Bosdin, Manchester.
 Nova Scotia Government.
 Pearce, Dr. G. H., Batley.
 Perry and Co. Ltd., Messrs. W., London.
 Runciman, Rt. Hon. Walter, M.P., London.
 Rushby, Mr. W., Batley.
 Shaw, Mr. S., Dewsbury.
 Sheard, The late Mr. Michael, Isle of Ely, Cambridge.
 South Australian Government.
 Stuart, Dr. J. A. Erskine, Batley.
 Stubbs Publishing Co., London.
 Stubble, Ald. D., J.P., Batley.
 Swedenborg Society, London.
 Taylor, Messrs. J. T. and J., Batley.
 Turner, Councillor Ben., J.P., Batley.
 Talbot, Mr. Edwin, J.P., C.C., Batley.
 Zion Sunday School, Trustees of, Batley.

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Library Reports, Bulletins and Catalogues, presented by their
 respective Librarians :—

Ashton-under-Lyne.	Battersea.
Aberdeen.	Belfast.
Aston Manor.	Beverley.
Baltimore, U.S.A.	Birmingham.
Barnsley.	Blackburn.
Barrow-in-Furness.	Bolton.

Bootle.	Leeds.
Bradford.	Leicester.
Buxton.	Lincoln.
Bury.	London : Cripplegate
Cardiff.	Foundation.
Chorley.	Loughborough.
Coventry.	Manchester.
Croydon.	Newark-on-Trent.
Dewsbury.	Newcastle-under-Lyne.
Doncaster.	Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Dundee.	New York, U. S. A.
Ealing.	Norwich.
Eccles.	Nottingham.
Erith.	Paisley.
Gateshead.	Runcorn.
Glasgow : Stirling's & Glasgow.	South Shields.
Great Yarmouth.	Sunderland.
Hartlepool.	Taunton.
Hornsey.	Tottenham.
Hove.	Twickenham.
Huddersfield.	Tynemouth.
Hyde.	Waterloo-with-Seaforth.
Ilkley.	Watford.
Keighley.	West Hartlepool.
Kensal Rise.	Windsor, Ontario.
Kettering.	Wolverhampton.
Kidderminster.	Workington.
Kingston-on-Thames.	York.

LIST of NEWSPAPERS and PERIODICALS Supplied to the Reading Rooms.

*Presented by Publishers and others.

L.R.—Ladies' Room. M.R.—Magazine Room.

R.R.—Reading Room. R.L.—Reference Library.

L.—Librarian.

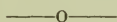
Dailies.

Daily Chronicle	... R.R.	Die Woche	... M.R.
Daily Citizen	... R.R.	Drapers' Record	... M.R.
Daily Mail	... R.R.	Electrical Engineer	... M.R.
Daily News & Leader	R.R.	Engineer	... M.R.
Daily Telegraph	... R.R.	English Mechanic	... M.R.
Leeds Mercury	... R.R.	Everyman	... M.R.
Liverpool Daily Post	... R.R.	Farm, Field & Fireside	M.R.
Manchester Guardian	R.R.	Fur and Feather	... M.R.
The Standard	... R.R.	Gentlewoman	... L.R.
The Times	... R.R.	Graphic	... M.R.
Westminster Gazette	R.R.	Great Thoughts	... M.R.
Yorkshire Observer (2)	R.R.	Hobbies	... M.R.
— Post (2)	... R.R.	Huddersfield Examiner	R.R.
— Evg. News (2)	R.R.	Illustrated London News	M.R.
— Evg. Post (2)	R.R.	*India	... M.R.
		Labour Leader	... R.R.
		Lady's Pictorial	... L.R.
		Les Annales	... M.R.

Weeklies.

Amateur Gardening	... M.R.	*Local Government	
Amateur Photographer	M.R.	Journal	... M.R.
American Machinist	M.R.	Model Engineer	... M.R.
Athenæum	... M.R.	Municipal Journal	... M.R.
Bazaar, Exchange and		Nation	... M.R.
Mart	... M.R.	Nature	... R.L.
Batley News	... R.R.	New Statesman	... M.R.
Batley Reporter	... R.R.	*Patent's (Illustrated	
Boy's Own Paper	... M.R.	Official Journal)	... M.R.
*British Australasian	... M.R.	Pitman's Journal	... M.R.
Building News	... M.R.	Public Opinion	... M.R.
*Canadian Mail	... R.R.	Punch	... M.R.
Chums	... M.R.	„ (2nd copy)	... L.R.
*Civil Service Competitor	M.R.	Queen	... L.R.
*Clark's Educator	... M.R.	Schoolmaster	... M.R.
*Colliery Guardian	... M.R.	Schoolmistress	... L.R.
*Contractor's Record	... M.R.	Shop Assistant	... M.R.
Country Life	... M.R.	Spectator	... M.R.

Sphere ...	... M.R.	Dyers and Colourists	M.R.
T.P's Weekly ...	... M.R.	*Knowledge ...	R.L.
Textile Mercury ...	... M.R.	Literary World ...	M.R.
Truth ...	... M.R.	*Millgate Monthly ...	M.R.
Waste Trade World ...	... M.R.	*Mining Engineering ...	M.R.
Weekly Freeman ...	... R.R.	*Musical Herald ...	M.R.
Weekly Scotsman ...	... R.R.	Musical Times ...	M.R.
Work ...	... M.R.	Munsey's Magazine ...	M.R.
Yorkshire Weekly Post	R.R.	National Home Reading	
		Union's Publications	R.L.
Fortnightly.		*New-Church Magazine	M.R.
*University		Nineteenth Century	
Correspondent ...	... R.L.	and After ...	... R.L.
		Pearson's Magazine ...	M.R.
Monthlies.		Quiver ...	... L.R.
*Acetylene ...	... M.R.	Review of Reviews ...	M.R.
*Animals' Friend ...	... M.R.	Socialist Review ...	R.L.
Bookman ...	... M.R.	*Sons of Temperance ...	M.R.
*British Columbia ...	... M.R.	Strand ...	... M.R.
Captain ...	... M.R.	Studio ...	... L.
Century Illustrated		Textile Manufacturer	M.R.
Monthly Magazine ...	... R.R.	Textile Recorder ...	M.R.
Chambers's Journal ...	... M.R.	Weldon's Ladies' Journal	M.R.
Connoisseur ...	... L.	Windsor Magazine ...	M.R.
Cornhill Magazine ...	... M.R.	Young Man ...	... M.R.
Delineator ...	... L.R.	Young Woman ...	... L.R.
Dyer and Calico Printer	M.R.	*Zoophilist ...	... M.R.
English Illustrated ...	... M.R.		
English Review ...	... R.L.	Quarterlies.	
*Ferro-Concrete ...	... M.R.	*Herald of the	
Fortnightly Review ...	... R.L.	Golden Age ...	... M.R.
Girl's Own Paper ...	... L.R.	Hibbert Journal ...	... R.L.
Harper's Monthly ...	... M.R.	*Patents ...	... M.R.
Journal of the Society of		Post Office Guide ...	... M.R.



RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw.
Caledonian.
Cambrian.
Dublin and South Eastern.
Glasgow and South Western.
Great Central.
Great Eastern.
Great North of Scotland.

Great Northern.
 Great Northern, Ireland.
 Great Southern and Western, Ireland.
 Great Western.
 Highland.
 North British.
 North Eastern.
 Lancashire and Yorkshire.
 London and North Western.
 London and South Western.
 London, Brighton and South Coast.
 Midland.
 South Eastern and Chatham.
 Yorkshire Railway Guide.

DIRECTORIES.

Browne's Advertiser's A. B. C.
 Crockford's Clerical Directory.
 Gore's Liverpool.
 Kelly's Merchants, Manufacturers and Shippers.
 Kelly's North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.
 Kelly's Post Office London Directory.
 Kelly's West Riding of Yorkshire.
 Macdonald's Directory.
 Medical Directory.
 Morris' Business Directory.
 Perry's Directory.
 Slater's Manchester, Salford and Suburban Directory.
 Stubbs' Directory.
 Worrall's Yorkshire Textile Directory.

FILES OF NEWSPAPERS.

Batley News.
 Batley Reporter.
 The Times.
 Yorkshire Daily Post.
 Yorkshire Observer.

BOROUGH OF BATLEY
PUBLIC LIBRARY.



SIXTH
REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN
FOR THE
Year ending March 31st, 1914.



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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS,

1913-14.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,*Ald. SMITH WARD, J.P. (*Ex-Officio*),
1913-14.

†Counc. BEN TURNER, J.P. (*Ex-Officio*),
1914.

Chairman : Mr. W. J. INESON, J.P.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor J. W. TURNER, J.P.

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„ J. WHITAKER.

Councillor J. E. CHILD.

„ J. RAMSDEN.

„ C. H. TALBOT.

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Rev. O. K. HOBBS, M.A.

Dr. J. H. WOODS, J.P.

Mr. W. BAGSHAW, J.P., F.R.M.S.

„ H. CROTHERS.

„ J. FEARNLEY.

„ N L, FRAZER, M.A.

Town Clerk : Mr. J. H. CRAIK.

Borough Treasurer : Mr. R. G. RUTTER.

Librarian : ALFRED ERRINGTON.

Assistants : ANNIE E. NEWSOME and EVELYN M. WALKER.

Caretaker : ARTHUR F. GARNER.

* Died, Jan. 12th, 1914.

† Elected, Jan. 19th, 1914.

BOROUGH OF BATLEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Annual Report of the Librarian for the year ending March 31st, 1914.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BATLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my sixth report on the work of the Library for the year ending March 31st, 1914.

While the work carried out during the period under review in the various departments has not been of an exceptional character the following summary of the work accomplished clearly demonstrates that the popularity of the Library has not diminished and that its general efficiency and usefulness has been well maintained.

Stock. The additions to the Library Stock during the year were 284 volumes; 83 of which were presented and 201 purchased. The total number of volumes now in the Library is 12,179, or 177 less than we had twelve months ago. The reduction in our stock is due to the discarding of 428 volumes of unclassified donations referred to in my last report, which on examination were found unsuitable for circulation, and by withdrawing 33 volumes to replace worn out copies. The stock on March 31st was allocated as follows:—

Lending Library	...	...	9003	volumes.
Reference Library	...	...	1255	„
Abridgments of Patents	...	...	1331	„
Duplicates	...	...	590	„
Total	...	...	12179	„

During the year the Stock Books were re-written and about 70 volumes in class L. (Literature) were re-classified with the result that the number of books in this class was reduced from 842 to 774. Class A. (Philosophy) shews a great increase in numbers, but most of the additions are really books transferred from Class L., the actual number of volumes purchased and added to this class being 7. The number of volumes in each class on April 1st, 1913, and on March 31st, 1914 is shown in the following table:—

CLASS.		Totals. April 1st, 1913.	Totals. Mar. 31st, 1914.
A.—Philosophy	...	140	197
B.—Religion	...	535	540
C.—Sociology	...	339	347
D.—Philology	...	74	82
E.—Natural Science	...	649	665
F.—Useful Arts	...	533	535
G.—Fine Arts	...	270	307
H.—Music	...	282	292
J.—Juvenile Works	...	662	682
K.—Prose Fiction	...	2420	2505
L.—Literature	...	842	774
M.—History and Travel	...	1222	1234
N.—Biography	...	810	843
Reference Works	...	1196	1255
Abridgments of Patents	...	1331	1331
Duplicates	...	*1051	590
Total	...	12356	12179

*461 volumes withdrawn.

The constant circulation has caused heavy wear and tear among the more popular books in the Lending Library and many works at present in circulation are now dirty and ought to be replaced by new copies, while there are many others which should be rebound without delay. During the year only 123 volumes were replaced at a net cost of £13 17s. 9d., and 357 volumes were rebound at a cost of £25 0s. 10d., while a large number of minor repairs were again done on the premises by the staff. It is hoped that sufficient funds will be available during the present year to enable us to spend more liberally on replacements and rebinding and bring about the improvement in our stock which is so much needed.

Issues. Although the Committee were not able to purchase many books during the past year, it is pleasing to record an increase in the number of books circulated. The number of volumes issued during the period under review was 59,580; 57,324 of which were given out from the Lending Library and 2,256 from the Reference Department. The total issues in the previous year were 58,657 volumes; 56,483 of which were issued from the Lending Library and 2,171 from the Reference Department. A glance at the table of issues given below shews that increases are recorded in the following classes, viz., Philosophy (68), Religion (80), Philology (203), Fine Arts (63), Juvenile Works (280), Prose Fiction (761), and Literature (48), and decreases in General Works (3), Sociology (66), Natural Science (293), Useful Arts (38), Music (28), History and Travel (53) and Biography (96). Fluctuations in a library issue are always difficult to explain, and the only cause I can suggest for the large decrease in the issue of Natural Science is the establishment of a Library with a collection of scientific works at the Grammar School, while the increase in the issue of Prose Fiction is probably due to the Committee's efforts to meet, in some measure, the demands of our readers, by purchasing more Fiction on publication instead of waiting for second hand copies. The following table gives the number of volumes issued from each class:—

CLASS.	Issued 1012-13.	Issued 1913-14.	Increase.	Decrease.
General Works	... 433	430	—	3
A.—Philosophy	... 317	385	68	—
B.—Religion	... 760	840	80	—
C.—Sociology	... 554	488	—	66
D.—Philology	... 224	427	203	—
E.—Natural Science	... 1689	1396	—	293
F.—Useful Arts	... 2084	2046	—	38
G.—Fine Arts	... 896	959	63	—
H.—Music	... 2173	2145	—	28
J.—Juvenile Works	... 11900	12180	280	—
K.—Prose Fiction	... 32348	33109	761	—
L.—Literature	... 1525	1573	48	—
M.—History and Travel	... 2724	2671	—	53
N.—Biography	... 1027	931	—	96
Totals	... 58654	59580	1503	577

Net increase—926.

Borrowers. The number of Borrowers' Tickets in use at the end of March was 3,042, as compared with 2,927 on the same day of last year. This number includes 290 Students' Tickets and 12 tickets issued to Non-residents. The number of ordinary tickets in force was 2,740; 779 of which were in the hands of Burgesses and 1,961 in use by Non-Burgesses. The number of borrowers in each ward was:—

North	...	...	1018
Soothill	...	...	277
East	...	...	951
West	...	...	494
Total			2740

Overdue Books and Cash Receipts. The number of notices posted to readers who had retained their books beyond the time allowed for reading was 745, and 20 personal applications were made in cases where the postal applications had proved ineffective. 4,233 receipts for fines were issued, the total amount received being £37 6s. 2d. The total cash receipts from all sources amounted to £56 12s. 11d. and are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Catalogues	...	...	1 16 7
Fines	...	...	37 6 2
Postages	...	...	1 8 8
Damages and replacements	...	...	0 9 3
Waste papers	...	...	10 4 2
Lavatory	...	...	3 18 1
Subscriptions from Non-Residents	1	10	0
			£56 12 11

Half-Hour Talks. The seventh series of "Talks" on literary and scientific subjects was given in the Library on Monday evenings commencing Monday, Oct. 6th, 1913, and ending on March 9th, 1914. All the Talks were well attended, the average number present being 73. The names of the gentlemen who so kindly assisted the Committee in this work, and the titles of their addresses are given below.

1913.

Oct. 6th—Rev. Father O'CONNOR.

"Sir William Butler and his Works."

Nov. 3rd—Rev. W. H. FRERE, M.A., D.D.

"The Study of Local History."

Dec. 8th—Mr. RICHARD WESTERN.

*"The House-Fly."

1914.

Jan. 12th—Mr. FRANK RUTTER, B.A.

*"Black and White Art."

Feb. 2nd—Mr. WALTER BAGSHAW, J.P., F.R.M.S.

"Yorkshire Men and Yorkshire Ways."

Mar. 9th—Mr. NORMAN L. FRAZER, M.A.

*"English Monastic Life."

In addition to the above the following free lectures arranged by the local Branch of the Workers' Educational Association, were also delivered in the Library Lecture Room.

1913.

Oct. 20th—Rev. Dr. BURN.

*"Grecian Art."

Nov. 17th—Mr. G. H. WOOD.

*"The Illustrations of the Sixties."

1914.

Jan. 19th—Prof. F. W. MOORMAN, M.A., Ph.D.

"Our Personal Names and the story they tell."

Feb. 9th—Mr. S. C. MOORE.

*"The story of a piece of Limestone."

Feb. 15th—Lady MABEL SMITH.

"Individual Responsibility towards Social Reform."

Mar. 16th—Rev. E. R. BUCKLEY, M.A.

"The Growth of the English Novel."

Talks and Lectures marked (*) were illustrated by Lantern Slides.

Renovation of the Library. During the summer the interior of the Library was thoroughly cleaned and re-decorated at a cost of £58 5s. 9d., the work being done by Mr. W. H. Sykes, of Batley, under the direction of the Borough Surveyor. The Lending and Reference Libraries were closed for 14 days, and the Reading Rooms for 8 days, to enable this very necessary work to be done. This is the first renovation of the premises since the opening of the Library in 1907.

Reading Circle. The Reading Circle, which for three years studied Shakespeare's Works, held five meetings during the Winter season, but I regret to report that the attendance shewed a slight falling off compared with previous years. The Rev. F. W. Butt-Thompson again kindly acted as Leader and opened the session with a very interesting

talk on "The Lady of the Sonnets," and this was followed at the next meeting by a paper on Shakespeare's "Henry V." The attendance, however, at both meetings, was very disappointing, and to meet the wishes of the members it was decided to change the subject of the Circle. At the other three meetings papers on "Kipling," "Shelley," and "Byron" were read and discussed and although the attendance was better there still remained room for improvement. For next Winter session, which will commence in October, if sufficient interest is shown, several promises of papers have already been received and there is every prospect of a more successful season. The thanks of the Committee are again due to the Rev. F. W. Butt-Thompson for the interest he has taken in the Circle during the five years he has acted as its Leader.

School Libraries. It is gratifying to record the continued success of the co-operative efforts of the Library Committee and the Education Committee to provide suitable reading for the children attending the elementary schools of the Borough. On April 1st, 1913, six schools were each receiving 50 volumes, but in January of this year four more schools were added to the scheme and the number of books supplied was, in the case of nine of the schools increased to 70, and in the case of the tenth school, to 120 volumes. At the present time 750 volumes are in circulation in the schools, and during the twelve months ending March 31st, 1914, the number of books issued reached the high total of 9,891. In December the books were recalled for stock-taking and examination, when it was found necessary to rebind 138 volumes and replace 14 others. The libraries were returned to the schools in January and will be recalled again for stocktaking and repairs in July. Our thanks are due to the Education Committee for kindly making a second grant of £30 which enabled the scheme to be extended, and to the Head Teachers and their Assistants for their hearty co-operation in carrying out this work. The following table gives the number of volumes issued from each school from April, 1913 to March, 1914:—

Healey	...	...	...	843
Staincliffe	...	...	...	2130
Brownhill	...	...	...	1958
Carlinghow Boys'	...	...	...	1187
Hanging Heaton	...	...	...	692
Warwick Road Boys'	...	...	...	1532
Mill Lane	...	...	...	812

Gregory Street Girls'	...	...	185
Purlwell Boys'	...	...	317
Warwick Road Girls'	...	...	235
Total	...	...	9891

Donations. The cordial thanks of the Committee have already been tendered to those who have so kindly presented books, pamphlets, and newspapers to the Library during the year. Special mention, however, should be made of the gift of 25 volumes of Priestley's works received from Miss Sharpe, of Highbury, London, and of 14 volumes, including a copy of "The Bishop's Bible," from the Rev. O. K. Hobbs, M.A. A complete list of donors will be found on page 15.

Statistical Tables and Balance Sheet. Appended are the usual statistical tables, list of donors, &c., and a statement of our income and expenditure for the year, prepared by the Borough Treasurer, Mr. R. G. Rutter.

Yours obediently,

ALFRED ERRINGTON,

Librarian.

Books issued from the Lending Department.

MONTH.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Musie.	Juvenile Works (all classes).	Prose Fiction.	Literature.	History and Travel.	Biography.	TOTAL
April 1st, 1913, to March 31st, 1914	43	52	26	18	109	133	72	177	1171	2896	153	227	86	5163
April.....	33	49	34	26	114	129	79	166	1083	2855	114	184	76	4942
May.....	30	54	39	22	93	121	54	152	929	2498	82	203	66	4343
June.....	23	35	21	12	74	66	29	111	646	1789	64	138	45	3053
July.....	30	48	19	13	55	65	20	122	521	1523	72	113	32	2633
August.....	28	50	31	28	75	104	55	165	839	2527	111	141	59	4213
September.....	35	72	39	25	82	163	76	230	1080	3055	126	216	77	5276
October.....	26	73	51	16	97	188	73	199	1126	3128	113	284	92	5466
November.....	31	60	26	17	76	158	70	207	1091	2966	146	192	77	5117
December.....	41	64	39	29	119	168	82	233	1257	3573	150	281	96	6132
January.....	31	57	37	20	117	171	93	176	1101	3093	117	264	66	5343
February.....	22	63	44	18	88	176	61	207	1336	3206	113	245	64	5643
March.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	373	677	406	244	1099	1642	764	2145	12180	33109	1361	2488	836	57324

Books issued from the Reference Department.

MONTH.	(General Works. (Encyclopedias.)	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History and Travel.	Biography.	TOTAL
April 1st, 1913, to March 31st, 1914												
April.....1913	33	—	15	5	13	17	80	9	45	20	8	245
May....."	45	—	17	—	9	31	30	26	10	12	7	187
June....."	39	1	8	8	6	13	13	35	13	7	4	147
July....."	40	—	14	9	10	32	26	19	19	1	2	172
August....."	16	—	3	2	—	31	9	6	7	2	5	81
September....."	28	—	12	11	8	17	4	10	15	19	6	130
October....."	45	1	9	8	25	20	24	19	13	16	8	188
November....."	29	3	16	5	21	23	46	27	12	30	6	218
December....."	34	1	13	10	23	12	44	6	10	28	9	190
January.....1914	50	4	23	12	21	45	58	13	23	13	12	274
February....."	29	2	12	6	26	15	32	17	12	24	14	189
March....."	42	—	21	6	21	41	38	8	33	11	14	235
Totals	430	12	163	82	183	297	404	195	212	183	95	2256

Dr.

Public Library Revenue Account for

Expenditure.				£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	260	18	4
New Books	...	...	...	40	16	6
Bookbinding	...	...	...	25	0	10
Newspapers and Periodicals	...	...	...	58	18	2
Stationery, Stamps and Advertising	...	...	...	25	16	4
Insurance (Fire)	...	...	...	4	1	8
Subscriptions to Societies	...	...	...	3	18	8
Electricity, Gas, and Fittings	...	...	...	41	8	2
Rates, Water, and Water Rents	...	...	...	43	10	6
Coal and Coke, &c.	...	...	...	15	19	6
Ironmongery, &c.	...	...	...	7	17	6
Sundries and Sundry Expenses	...	...	...	12	6	0
Cleaning Materials	...	...	...	2	15	4
Painting	...	...	...	58	5	9
Income Tax "D"	...	...	...	0	4	1
Insurance (National Health)	...	...	...	2	12	9
Chairs and Bookcase	...	...	...	16	5	0
Total Expenditure	...	...	...	620 15 1		
				£	620	15 1

Dr.

Public Library Capital Account,

	£	s.	d.
To Expenditure to 31st March, 1914...	8902	16	6
	£	8902	16 6

Dr.

Public Library Balance Sheet,

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	3	2	2
To Surplus:—	£	s.	d.			
Gift of A. Carnegie, Esq.	6988	0	0			
Transfer from Gas Revenue	1914	16	6			
	8902 16 6					
To Treasurer:—						
Balance owing on Revenue Account	...	...	...	24	12	10
Revenue deficit 31st March, 1913	17	17	6			
Deficit in Year	9	17	6	27	15	0
	8875 1 6					
	£	8902	16 6			

the Year ending March 31st, 1914.

*Cr.***Income.**

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By	Rate in aid	...	...	...	554	0	0	
	Sale of Catalogues	...	...	...	1	16	7	
	Sale of Newspapers, &c....	...	...	...	10	4	2	
	Fines	...	...	...	37	6	2	
	Subscriptions...	...	...	...	1	10	0	
	Postages	...	...	...	1	8	8	
	Damages and Replacements	...	...	...	0	9	3	
	Use of Lavatory	...	...	...	3	18	1	
								610 12 11
	Bank Interest	...	...	...				0 4 8
	Total Income	...	...	...				610 17 7
	Balance deficit in year	...	...	...				9 17 6
					£	620	15	1

31st March, 1914.

Cr.

			£	s.	d.
By	Andrew Carnegie, Esq. (Gift)	...	6988	0	0
	Transfer from Gas Revenue	...	1914	16	6
			£	8902	16 6

31st March, 1914.

Cr.

			£	s.	d.
By	Expenditure on Building	...	8902	16	6
			£	8902	16 6

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Number of books presented	...	...	...	83
Number of volumes purchased	...	...	...	201
Total number of volumes added	...	...	...	284
Number of volumes replaced	...	...	...	123
Number of volumes rebound	...	...	...	357
Number of volumes in the Lending Department	...	...	...	9,003
Number of volumes in the Reference Department	...	...	...	2,586
Duplicates	...	...	...	590
Total number of volumes in the Library	...	...	...	12,179
Volumes issued from the Lending Department	...	...	...	57,324
Volumes issued from the Reference Department	...	...	...	2,256
Total number of volumes issued from the Library	...	...	...	59,580
Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force	...	...	...	3,041
Number of School Libraries established	...	...	...	10
Number of volumes in School Libraries	...	...	...	750
Number of volumes issued from the School Libraries	...	...	...	9,891
Number of books bespoken by Borrowers	...	...	...	120
Postal applications for overdue books	...	...	...	725
Personal applications for overdue books	...	...	...	20
Total number of applications for overdue books	...	...	...	745

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GENERAL DATA.

Area of the Borough	3,227 acres
Population, 1911	36,395
Rateable value	£143,412 10 0
Income of Library from 1d. rate	£543 0 0
Public Libraries Act adopted	January 26th, 1904
Foundation Stone of the Public Library laid by the Mayor (Alderman G. Hirst, J. P.)	July 18th, 1905
Library opened by the Mayor (Councillor W. J. Ineson, J. P.)	October 19th, 1907
Lending Library opened under the Open Access System	August 12th, 1912

DONORS TO THE LIBRARY.

Agent-General for Australia.
 Allen, Mrs. James, Ilfracombe.
 British Museum, Trustees of the, London.
 Constable, Messrs. Archibald & Co., London.
 Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., Manchester.
 Frazer, Mr. Norman L., M.A., Batley.
 Hobbs, Rev. O. K., M.A., Batley.
 Mayor of Batley (Mr. Councillor Ben Turner, J.P.)
 National Conference on the Prevention of Destitution.
 Nova Scotia Government.
 Pearce, Dr. G. H., Batley.
 Runciman, Rt. Hon. Walter, M.P., London.
 Rushby, Mr. W., Batley.
 Sharpe, Miss, London.
 Shaw, Mr. S., Batley.
 South Australian Government.
 Southworth, H. W., London.
 Stuart, Mrs. James, Norwich.
 Tariff Commission, London.
 Taylor, Messrs. J. T. and J., Batley.

**Library Reports, Bulletins and Catalogues, presented by their
respective Librarians :—**

Aberdeen.	Hyde.
Ashton-under-Lyne.	Ilkeston
Baltimore, U.S.A.	Ilkley.
Barnsley.	Keighley.
Barrow-in-Furness.	Kendal
Battersea.	Kensal Rise.
Belfast.	Kettering.
Beverley.	Kidderminster.
Birmingham.	Kingston-on-Thames.
Blackburn.	Leeds.
Bolton.	Leicester.
Bootle.	Lincoln.
Bradford.	London : Cripplegate
Bristol.	Foundation.
Buxton.	Loughborough.
Bury.	Manchester.
Cambridge.	Middlesborough
Cardiff.	Newark-on-Trent.
Chorley.	Newcastle-under-Lyne.
Cork	Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Coventry.	New York, U.S.A.
Croydon.	Norwich.
Derby	Nottingham.
Dewsbury.	Paisley.
Doncaster.	Runcorn.
Dundee.	South Shields.
Ealing.	Sunderland.
Eastbourne	Taunton.
Eccles.	Tottenham.
Erith.	Twickenham.
Evesham	Tynemouth.
Gateshead.	Walthamstow
Glasgow : Stirling's & Glasgow.	Waterloo-with-Seaforth.
Gloucester	Watford.
Great Yarmouth.	West Hartlepool.
Hackney	Windsor, Ontario.
Hartlepool.	Wolverhampton.
Hornsey.	Workington.
Hove.	York.
Huddersfield.	

LIST of NEWSPAPERS and PERIODICALS, ETC.,

Supplied to the Reading Rooms.

*Presented by Publishers and others.

L.R.—Ladies' Room. M.R.—Magazine Room.

R.R.—Reading Room. R.L.—Reference Library.

L.—Librarian.

Dailies.

Daily Chronicle	... R.R.	Country Life	... M.R.
Daily Citizen	... R.R.	Die Woche	... M.R.
Daily Mail	... R.R.	Drapers' Record	... M.R.
Daily News & Leader	R.R.	Electrical Review	... M.R.
Daily Telegraph	... R.R.	Engineer	... M.R.
Leeds Mercury	... R.R.	English Mechanic	... M.R.
Liverpool Daily Post	... R.R.	Everyman	... M.R.
Manchester Guardian	R.R.	Farm, Field & Fireside	M.R.
The Standard	... R.R.	Fur and Feather	... M.R.
The Times	... R.R.	Gentlewoman	... L.R.
Westminster Gazette	R.R.	Graphic	... M.R.
Yorkshire Observer (2)	R.R.	Great Thoughts	... M.R.
— Post (2)	... R.R.	Hobbies	... M.R.
— Evg. News (2)	R.R.	Huddersfield Examiner	R.R.
— Evg. Post (2)	R.R.	Illustrated London News	M.R.
		Labour Leader	... R.R.
		Lady's Pictorial	... L.R.
		Les Annales	... M.R.

Weeklies.

Amateur Gardener	... M.R.	*Local Government	
Amateur Photographer	M.R.	Journal	... M.R.
American Machinist	M.R.	Model Engineer	... M.R.
Athenæum	... M.R.	Municipal Journal	... M.R.
Autocar	... M.R.	Nation	... M.R.
Bazaar, Exchange and		Nature	... R.L.
Mart	... M.R.	New Statesman	... M.R.
Batley News	... R.R.	*Patent's (Illustrated	
Batley Reporter	... R.R.	Official Journal)	... M.R.
Building News	... M.R.	Pitman's Journal	... M.R.
*Canadian Mail	... R.R.	Public Opinion	... M.R.
Chums	... M.R.	Punch	... M.R.
*Clark's Educator	... M.R.	„ (2nd copy)	... L.R.
*Colliery Guardian	... M.R.	Queen	... L.R.
*Contractor's Record	... M.R.	Schoolmaster	... M.R.

Schoolmistress	... L.R.	Knowledge	... R.L.
Shop Assistant	... M.R.	Literary World	... M.R.
Spectator	... M.R.	*Millgate Monthly	... M.R.
Sphere	... M.R.	*Musical Herald	... M.R.
T.P's Weekly	... M.R.	Musical Times	... M.R.
Textile Mercury	... M.R.	Munsey's Magazine	... M.R.
Truth	... M.R.	Nash's Magazine	... M.R.
Waste Trade World	... M.R.	National Home Reading	
Weekly Freeman	... R.R.	Union's Publications	R.L.
Weekly Scotsman	... R.R.	*New-Church Magazine	M.R.
Work	... M.R.	Nineteenth Century	
Yorkshire Observer		and After	... R.L.
Budget	... R.R.	*Patents	... M.R.
Yorkshire Weekly Post	R.R.	Pearson's Magazine	... M.R.
		Quiver	... L.R.
Fortnightly.		Review of Reviews	... M.R.
*University		Scribner's Magazine	... M.R.
Correspondent	... R.L.	Socialist Review	... R.L.
		*Sons of Temperance	... M.R.
Monthlies.		Strand	... M.R.
*Acetylene	... M.R.	Studio	... L.
*Animals' Friend	... M.R.	Textile Manufacturer	M.R.
Automobile Engineer	... M.R.	Textile Recorder	... M.R.
Bookman	... M.R.	*Traveller's Gazette	... M.R.
Boy's Own Paper	... M.R.	*War and Peace	... M.R.
Captain	... M.R.	Weldon's Ladies' Journal	L.R.
Chambers's Journal	... M.R.	Windsor Magazine	... M.R.
Connoisseur	... L.	Young Man	... M.R.
Cornhill Magazine	... M.R.	Young Woman	... L.R.
Delineator	... L.R.	*Zoophilist	... M.R.
Dyer and Calico Printer	M.R.		
English Review	... R.L.	Quarterlies.	
*Ferro-Concrete	... M.R.	*Herald of the	
Fortnightly Review	... R.L.	Golden Age	... M.R.
Girl's Own Paper	... L.R.	Hibbert Journal	... R.L.
Harper's Monthly	... M.R.	Post Office Guide	... M.R.
Journal of the Society of			
Dyers and Colourists	M.R.		

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw.
 Caledonian.
 Cambrian.
 Dublin and South Eastern.
 Glasgow and South Western.
 Great Central.
 Great Eastern.
 Great North of Scotland.
 Great Northern.
 Great Northern, Ireland.
 Great Southern and Western, Ireland.
 Great Western.
 Highland.
 North British.
 North Eastern.
 Lancashire and Yorkshire.
 London and North Western.
 London and South Western.
 London, Brighton and South Coast.
 Midland.
 South Eastern and Chatham.
 Yorkshire Railway Guide.

DIRECTORIES.

Browne's Advertiser's A. B. C.
 Crockford's Clerical Directory.
 Gore's Liverpool.
 Kelly's Merchants, Manufacturers and Shippers.
 Kelly's North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.
 Kelly's Post Office London Directory.
 Kelly's West Riding of Yorkshire.
 Macdonald's Directory.
 Medical Directory.
 Morris' Business Directory.
 Perry's Directory.
 Slater's Manchester, Salford and Suburban Directory.
 Stubbs' Directory.
 Worrall's Yorkshire Textile Directory.

FILES OF NEWSPAPERS.

Batley News.
 Batley Reporter.
 The Times.
 Yorkshire Daily Post.
 Yorkshire Observer.

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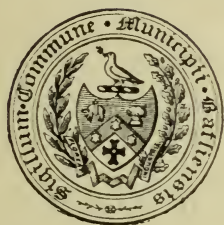


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Year ending March 31st, 1915.

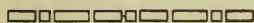


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COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS.

1914-15.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, COUNC. BEN TURNER, J.P. (*Ex-Officio.*)

Chairman : Mr. W. J. INESON, J.P.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor J. W. TURNER, J.P.

Members of the Council.

Alderman F. PRIESTLEY.

„ J. WHITAKER.

Councillor J. E. CHILD.

„ J. RAMSDEN.

„ C. H. TALBOT.

Non-Members of the Council.

Rev. H. ROWE.

Dr. J. H. WOODS, J.P.

Mr. W. BAGSHAW, J.P., F.R.M.S.

„ H. CROTHERS.

„ J. FEARNLEY.

„ N. I. FRAZER, M.A.

Town Clerk : Mr. J. H. CRAIK.

Borough Treasurer : Mr. R. G. RUTTER.

Librarian : ALFRED ERRINGTON.

BOROUGH OF BATLEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Annual Report of the Librarian for the Year ending
March 31st, 1915.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

BATLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting to you my report on the work of the Library for the year ending March 31st, 1915.

Stock. During the past twelve months, the Library Stock has been increased by 651 volumes, 537 of which were purchased, and 114 presented. The number of volumes in the Library at the present time is 12,802. Of these 9,638 are in the Lending Department, 2,602, including 1,331 Abridgments of Patents, are in the Reference Department, and 562 duplicate volumes, chiefly works of Fiction, form a reserve Stock.

I am glad to report that owing to the improved state of our finances, we have been able, in addition to purchasing a slightly larger number of new books than usual, to improve the condition of our stock by spending more liberally on replacements and rebinding. During the year, 238 volumes were replaced, and 511 rebound, as compared with 123 replaced, and 357 rebound during the preceding year. The cost of replacing and rebinding books will increase each year with the growth and extended use made of the Library, and to

assist us to meet this growing expenditure, a small binding plant has been installed, which will enable some of the work to be done on the premises by the staff in their spare time, Unfortunately since the plant was purchased we have not been able to devote much time to the rebinding of books, and I am therefore unable to report at length on this matter this year, but judging by the few books we have done, I think I may venture to predict that the innovation will prove successful.

The Stock has been checked several times during the year, and on each occasion all the books were accounted for. It is pleasing to be able to report that although over 160,000 volumes have been issued from the Lending Library since August, 1912, when the Open Access System was inaugurated, not a single volume has been lost.

The number of volumes in each class on April 1st, 1914, and on March 31st, 1915, is shown in the following table :—

CLASS.		Totals, April 1st, 1914.	Totals, Mar. 31st, 1915.
A.—Philosophy	...	197	295
B.—Religion	...	540	553
C.—Sociology	...	347	394
D.—Philology	...	82	84
E.—Natural Science	...	665	676
F.—Useful Arts	...	535	566
G.—Fine Arts	...	307	313
H.—Music	...	292	295
J.—Juvenile Works	...	682	724
K.—Prose Fiction	...	2505	2702
L.—Literature	...	774	847
M.—History and Travel	...	1234	1318
N.—Biography	...	843	871
Reference Works	...	1255	1271
Abridgments of Patents	...	1331	1331
Duplicates	...	590	562
Totals	...	12179	12802

Issues. The Library was open for the issue of books on 280 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, as against 269 $\frac{1}{2}$ days during the preceding year.

The combined issue from the Lending and Reference Departments was 61,439 volumes, a daily average of 219 volumes, as compared with a total issue of 59,580 volumes, and a daily average of 221 volumes as recorded in my last report. The decrease, which is due, without doubt, to the outbreak of war in Europe in August last, is very trifling, especially when we take into consideration the abnormal state of the country, the amount of overtime worked in the mills of the town during the first six months of the war, and the number of our readers who have joined His Majesty's Forces. Indeed, it is surprising that our circulation has not been more affected, and under the exceptional circumstances I claim that the work done by our Lending and Reference Departments during the year has been quite satisfactory, and fully equal to that of past years. As was expected, the books of a lighter character, such as Fiction, Pure Literature, (which includes Poetry, Dramatic Works, Essays, etc.), Music, and Juvenile Works, all show an increased issue, but in all the other classes, with the exception of Sociology, where there is a slight increase, due to the circulation of books on the Army and the Navy, there are decreases. It is interesting to record that the percentage of Fiction issued during the year was 57.54 as compared with a percentage of 55.73 during the year 1913-14. The following table gives the number of books issued from each class during the years 1913-14, and 1914-15.

CLASS		Issued 1913-14.	Issued 1914-15.
General Works	...	430	418
A.—Philosophy	...	385	263
B.—Religion	...	840	641
C.—Sociology	...	488	496
D.—Philology	...	427	301
E.—Natural Science	...	1396	1131
F.—Useful Arts	...	2046	1829
G.—Fine Arts	...	959	740
H.—Music	...	2145	2390
J.—Juvenile Works (all classes)	...	12180	13146
K.—Prose Fiction	...	33109	35356
L.—Literature	...	1573	1688
M.—History and Travel	...	2671	2229
N.—Biography	...	931	812
Totals	...	59580	61439

Borrowers. The number of Borrowers' Tickets issued was 1,359, and 1297 tickets which had expired were cancelled. The number of tickets in force at the present time is 3,104, as compared with 3042 a year ago, and includes 276 Students' Tickets, which are available for Non-Fictional works only, and 15 tickets issued to persons residing at Birstall and Gomersal. The actual number of borrowers enrolled is 2,814; 1,424 of whom are females, and 1,390 males. The number of borrowers in each ward is as follows :—

North Ward ...	...	...	993
Soothill Ward	...	...	298
East Ward	...	...	979
West Ward	...	...	544
Total	...	...	2814

Overdue Books and Cash Receipts. The number of notices posted to readers who had retained their books beyond the time allowed for reading was 686, and 18 personal applications were made in cases where the postal applications had proved ineffective. 4,509 receipts for fines were issued, the amount received being £42 16s. 8d. This is the largest amount we have received from this source in any one year since the opening of the Library. The total cash receipts for catalogues, fines, waste paper, etc., amounted to £61 3s. 10d., and are as follows :—

Catalogues	...	...	0 15 11
Fines	...	...	42 16 8
Postages	...	...	1 12 2
Damages	...	...	0 2 6
Waste Paper	...	...	9 10 2
Lavatory	...	...	4 11 5
Subscriptions from Non-Residents	...	...	1 15 0
Total	...	...	£61 3 10

Library Talks. The Library Committee again provided an interesting series of Monthly Talks. Since January 1908 when these meetings were inaugurated, 77 free Talks and Lectures on Literature, Science, Art, Music, History and Travel have been delivered at the Library, and 53 ladies and gentlemen by giving their services, have assisted the Committee and enabled this important work to be carried on. It is gratifying to be able to report that the attendance during the season was larger than during any previous

season, the average number present being 97. The cordial thanks of the Committee are hereby tendered to the undermentioned gentlemen who gave Talks during the past Winter.

LIST OF TALKS.

1914.

Oct. 12th—Mr. W. J. INESON, J.P.

“Samuel Lover,” or “One man in his time plays many parts.”

Nov. 2nd—Rev. Father J. O’CONNOR,

“Belloc and Chesterton.”

Dec. 7th—Rev. J. NEVILLE FIGGIS, M.A., Litt. D.

“Jane Austen.”

1915.

Jan. 11th—Mr. JAS. F. GREENWOOD, J.P.

“The Story of the Brontës.”

Feb. 1st—Rev. C. D. HOSTE, M.A.

“Some thoughts suggested by Macaulay’s description of England in 1685.”

Mar. 1st—Rev. HUGH JENKINS, M.A.

“Robert Burns.”

In addition to the above, the following free lectures, arranged by the local branch of the Workers’ Educational Association were held in the Library Lecture Room, the free use of which was granted by the Library Committee.

1914.

Oct. 26th—Mrs. FARRAR, of Halifax.

“The Art of Music,” with Pianoforte Illustrations.

Dec. 10th—Dr. HELEN M. WODEHOUSE, of Bingley.

“Florence Nightingale.”

1915.

Feb. 15th—Mr. J. DOVER WILSON, H.M.I.

“Finland, Poland, and Russian Jewry.”

School Libraries. The ten School Libraries established by the Library Committee in conjunction with the Education Committee continue to do useful work. The number of books in circulation is 750, the same as last year, but the number of books issued has risen from 9,891 to 15,362, an increase of 5,471 in twelve months. Since these School Libraries were established three years ago, 33,287 volumes have been issued through the schools, the cost of purchasing the books, the materials for ten bookcases, and the rebinding and replacing of books during that time being defrayed out of £60 (two grants of £30), made by the Education Committee.

During the same period 37,226 volumes were issued from the Juvenile Section of the Lending Library, making a total issue of 70,513 juvenile works in three years. The reading of so many well written books, 20 per cent of which are Non-Fictional works, is bound to have a beneficial effect upon the minds of the young people. Indeed from conversations I have had with some of the Head Teachers, I gather that the high standard of the composition done by the children is very largely due to the reading of good and suitable books. Applications have been made by the Head Teachers of several other schools in the Borough for boxes of books, but having regard to the increased demands likely to be made upon the Education rate during the coming year, it was thought advisable to defer the extension of the scheme to other schools for the present. The Education Committee have kindly made a third grant of £30, but this will be spent on rebinding and replacing many of the books which are now showing signs of wear. Again another year it is hoped the Education Committee may be in a position to extend the system and provide Libraries for the rest of the schools in the Borough.

The number of volumes issued from each school is as follows :

Healey	612
Staincliffe	2520
Mill Lane	3423
Warwick Road Boys'	1171
Warwick Road Girls'	1516
Purlwell Boys'	1551
Brownhill	1510
Hanging Heaton	1287
Gregory Street Girls'	538
Carlinghow Boys'	1234
Total	<u>15362</u>

Committee. The Library Committee has lost, by his removal to Doncaster, the valuable services of the Rev. O. K. Hobbs M.A., who was a co-opted member of the Committee for over seven and a half years. As a member of the Books Sub-Committee Mr. Hobbs rendered great service, his extensive knowledge of books being placed always freely at the disposal of the Committee. The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Committee :—

“ That this Committee place on record their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Borough by the Rev. O. K. Hobbs M.A., as a Member of this Committee for the past seven and a half years, and that the Librarian be requested to forward to Mr. Hobbs, a copy of this resolution.”

The Rev. Harry Rowe was appointed by the Town Council a member of the Library Committee in place of Mr. Hobbs.

Donations. The cordial thanks of the Committee have already been tendered to those who have so kindly presented books, pamphlets, and newspapers to the Library during the year. The chief donation was 105 works on Temperance given by Mr. H. B. Talbot, of Alton Lodge, Batley, in honour of the Centenary of the birth of Dr. Frederic Richard Lees, F.S.A., Edin. A complete list of donors is appended to this report.

Statistical Tables and Balance Sheet. Appended are the usual statistical tables, etc., and a statement of our Income and expenditure for the year. The latter has kindly been supplied by Mr. R. G. Rutter, the Borough Treasurer, and shows that our overdraft of £27 15s. 0d., has been reduced during the year to £16 16s. 3d.

Yours obediently,

ALFRED ERRINGTON,

Librarian.

Books issued from the Lending Department.

MONTH	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Philology	Natural Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Music	Juvenile Works (all classes)	Prose Fiction	Literature	History and Travel	Biography	TOTAL
April 1914	27	40	37	13	69	155	56	196	1186	2971	116	192	57	5115
May	17	38	35	19	85	130	68	190	1120	2996	101	161	75	5035
June	19	49	39	11	68	91	56	169	960	2499	96	157	42	4256
July	28	43	40	17	68	100	42	188	912	2834	127	196	60	4655
August	32	42	52	12	75	126	55	205	1130	3028	103	158	47	5065
September.....	23	40	54	6	45	100	42	171	1041	2785	121	154	40	4602
October.....	24	49	42	16	95	150	49	227	1162	3100	117	176	53	5280
November	17	43	37	16	46	107	43	205	1090	2780	136	173	54	4747
December	15	19	16	9	48	121	30	201	1010	2678	139	169	59	4514
January	12	34	29	13	71	125	50	218	1148	3215	149	171	77	5312
February	17	39	42	20	60	155	60	199	1105	3060	168	169	72	5166
March	20	55	39	10	79	171	56	221	1282	3410	172	232	95	5842
Totals ..	251	491	442	162	809	1531	607	2390	13146	35356	1545	2108	731	59569

Books issued from the Reference Department.

MONTH	General Works (Encyclopædias, etc.)	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Philology	Natural Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	History and Travel	Biography	TOTAL
April	38	—	17	4	20	35	24	3	14	4	—	159
May	34	1	19	10	17	28	31	—	12	7	—	159
June	36	2	11	7	10	24	21	10	21	6	7	155
July	34	—	16	13	11	31	25	28	15	11	13	197
August	34	2	13	5	8	44	39	14	13	14	12	198
September	32	—	6	1	13	15	19	5	12	14	8	125
October	42	1	15	5	16	25	17	11	6	19	8	165
November	39	2	4	1	18	24	22	10	9	9	3	141
December	38	—	9	—	7	15	25	9	5	4	3	115
January	15	1	9	1	1	16	17	7	1	8	9	85
February	36	2	13	4	13	34	25	25	15	14	8	189
March	40	1	18	2	5	31	33	11	20	11	10	182
Totals ...	418	12	150	53	139	322	298	133	143	121	81	1870

Dr.

Public Library Revenue Account for

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages... ..	280	1	8			
New Books	105	12	6			
Bookbinding	30	16	10			
Newspapers and Periodicals	59	9	1			
Stationery, Stamps, and Advertising	27	10	1			
Insurance, (Fire) and Workmen's Compensation	4	9	8			
Subscriptions to Societies	4	4	0			
Electricity, Gas, and Fittings	40	17	2			
Rates, Water, and Water Rents	21	8	0			
Coal and Coke, &c.	16	4	8			
Ironmongery, &c.	3	1	4			
Sundries and Sundry Expenses... ..	8	1	0			
Cleaning Materials	3	10	11			
Binding Apparatus... ..	28	4	7			
Income Tax "D"	2	2	4			
Insurance (National Health)	2	1	6			
Cabinet and Cases	12	4	3			
Total Expenditure				647	19	7
Balance gain in year				10	18	9
				£	658	18 4

Dr.

Public Library Capital Account

	£	s.	d.
To Expenditure to 31st March, 1915	8902	16	6
	£	8902	16 6

Dr.

Public Library Balance Sheet

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Creditors				4	10	0
To Surplus :—	£	s.	d.			
Gift of A. Carnegie, Esq.	6988	0	0			
Transfer from Gas Revenue	1914	16	6			
	8902	16	6			
To Treasurer :—						
Balance owing on Revenue Account				12	6	3
Revenue deficit 31st March, 1914	27	15	0			
Less gain in Year	10	18	9	16	16	3
				8886	0	3
				£	8902	16 6

Cr.Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Expenditure on Building	8902	16	6
	£	8902	16 6

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Number of books presented	...	...	...	...	114
Number of volumes purchased	...	...	...	...	537
Total number of volumes added	...	...	...	...	651
Number of volumes replaced	...	...	...	...	238
Number of volumes rebound	...	...	...	...	511
Number of volumes in the Lending Department	...	...	...	...	9,638
Number of volumes in the Reference Department	...	...	...	...	2,602
Duplicates	...	...	...	...	562
Total number of volumes in the Library	...	...	...	...	12,802
Volumes issued from the Lending Department	...	...	...	...	59,569
Volumes issued from the Reference Department	...	...	...	...	1,870
Total number of volumes issued from the Library	...	...	...	...	61,439
Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force	...	...	...	...	3,104
Number of School Libraries established	...	...	...	...	10
Number of volumes in School Libraries	...	...	...	...	750
Number of volumes issued from the School Libraries	...	...	...	...	15,362
Number of books bespoken by Borrowers	...	...	...	...	76
Postal applications for overdue books	...	...	...	...	686
Personal applications for overdue books	...	...	...	...	18
Total number of applications for overdue books	...	...	...	...	704

GENERAL DATA.

Area of the Borough	3,227 acres
Population, 1911	36,395
Rateable value	£146,576 0 0
Income of Library from 1d. rate	£567 0 0
Public Libraries Act adopted	January 26th, 1904
Foundation Stone of the Public Library laid by the Mayor, (Alderman G. Hirst, J.P.)	July 18th, 1905
Library opened by the Mayor, (Councillor W. J. Ineson, J.P.)	October 19th, 1907
Lending Library opened under the Open Access System	August 13th, 1912

DONORS TO THE LIBRARY.

Agent-General for Australia.

Bagshaw, Mr. Walter, J.P., Moorfields House, Birkenshaw.

Carnegie United Kindgom Trust, Dunfermline.

Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., Manchester.

Frazer, Mr. Norman L., M.A., Grammar School, Batley.

Hepworth, Mr. J., St. Andrew's Terrace, Batley.

Jones, Mr. S. D., Transvaal Terrace, Batley.

Library of Congress, Washington, U.S.A.

Mayor of Batley, (Mr. Councillor Ben Turner, J.P.)

Pearce, Dr. G. H., Batley.

Pritchard, Mr. H., Purlwell Hall Road, Batley.

Runciman, Rt. Hon. Walter, M.P. London.

Rutter, Mr. R. G., Batley.

Shaw, Mr. S., Batley.

Talbot, Mr. H. B., Alton Lodge, Batley.

**Library Reports, Bulletins and Catalogues, presented by
their respective Librarians :—**

Aberdeen.	Hyde.
Ashton-under-Lyne.	Ilkeston.
Baltimore, U.S.A.	Ilkley.
Barnsley	Keighley.
Barrow-in-Furness.	Kendal.
Battersea.	Kensal Rise.
Belfast.	Kettering.
Beverley.	Kidderminster.
Birmingham.	Kingston-on-Thames.
Blackburn.	Leeds.
Bolton.	Leigh.
Bootle.	Leicester.
Bradford.	Lincoln.
Bristol.	London : Cripplegate
Buxton.	Foundation.
Bury.	Loughborough.
Cambridge.	Manchester.
Cardiff.	Middlesborough.
Cheltenham.	Nelson.
Chorley.	Newark-on-Trent.
Cork.	Newcastle-under-Lyne.
Coventry.	Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Croydon.	New York, U.S.A.
Derby.	Norwich.
Dewsbury.	Nottingham.
Doncaster.	Paisley.
Dundee.	Runcorn.
Ealing.	South Shields.
Eastbourne.	Sunderland.
Eccles.	Taunton.
Erith.	Tottenham.
Evesham.	Twickenham.
Folkestone.	Tynemouth.
Gateshead.	Walthamstow.
Glasgow : Stirling's & Glasgow.	Waterloo-with-Seaforth.
Gloucester.	Watford.
Great Yarmouth.	West Hartlepool.
Hackney.	Willesden Green.
Hartlepool.	Windsor, Ontario.
Hindley.	Wolverhampton.
Hornsey.	Workington.
Hove.	York.
Huddersfield.	

**LIST of NEWSPAPERS, and PERIODICALS, ETC.,
Supplied to the Reading Rooms.**

*Presented by Publishers and others.

L.R.—Ladies' Room. M.R.—Magazine Room.

R.R.—Reading Room. R.L.—Reference Library.

L.—Librarian.

Dailies.

Daily Chronicle	... R.R.	Electrical Review	... M.R.
Daily Mail	... R.R.	Engineer	... M.R.
Daily News & Leader	... R.R.	English Mechanic	... M.R.
Daily Telegraph	... R.R.	Everyman	... M.R.
Leeds Mercury	... R.R.	Farm, Field, & Fireside	... M.R.
Liverpool Daily Post	... R.R.	Fur and Feather	... M.R.
Manchester Guardian	... R.R.	Gentlewoman	... L.R.
The Standard	... R.R.	Graphic	... M.R.
The Times	... R.R.	Great Thoughts	... M.R.
Westminster Gazette	... R.R.	Hobbies	... M.R.
Yorkshire Observer (2)	... R.R.	Huddersfield Examiner	R.R.
— Post (2)	... R.R.	Illustrated London News	M.R.
— Evg. News (2)	... R.R.	Labour Leader	... R.R.
— Evg. Post (2)	... R.R.	Lady's Pictorial	... L.R.

*Local Government
Journal

Weeklies.

Amateur Gardener	... M.R.	Model Engineer	... M.R.
Amateur Photographer	... M.R.	Municipal Journal	... M.R.
American Machinist	... M.R.	Nation	... M.R.
Athenæum	... M.R.	Nature	... R.L.
Autocar	... M.R.	New Statesman	... M.R.
Bazaar: Exchange and Mart	... M.R.	*Patent's (Illustrated Official Journal)	... M.R.
Batley News	... R.R.	Pitman's Journal	... M.R.
Batley Reporter	... R.R.	Public Opinion	... M.R.
Building News	... M.R.	Punch	... M.R.
Chums	... M.R.	„ (2nd copy)	... L.R.
*Clark's Educator	... M.R.	Queen	... L.R.
*Colliery Guardian	... M.R.	Schoolmaster	... M.R.
*Contractor's Record	... M.R.	Schoolmistress	... L.R.
Country Life	... M.R.	Shop Assistant	... M.R.
Draper's Record	... M.R.	Spectator	... M.R.

Sphere ...	...M.R.	Literary World ...	...M.R.
I.F.'s Weekly ...	...M.R.	Millgate Monthly ...	...M.R.
Textile Mercury ...	...M.R.	*Musical Herald ...	...M.R.
Truth ...	...M.R.	Musical Times ...	...M.R.
Waste Trade World ...	...M.R.	Munsey's Magazine ...	...M.R.
Weekly Freeman ...	...R.R.	Nash's Magazine ...	...M.R.
Weekly Scotsman ...	...R.R.	National Home Reading	
Work ...	...M.R.	Union's Publications...	R.L.
Yorkshire Observer		*New-Church Magazine	...M.R.
Budget ...	...R.R.	Nineteenth Century	
Yorkshire Weekly Post	...R.R.	and After...	...R.L.
Fortnightly.		*Patents ...	...M.R.
*University Correspondent	R.L.	Pearson's Magazine	...M.R.
Monthlies.		Quiver ...	...L.R.
*Acetylene ...	...M.R.	Review of Reviews	...M.R.
*Animals' Friend ...	...M.R.	Scribner's Magazine	...M.R.
Automobile Engineer ...	...M.R.	*Sons of Temperance	...M.R.
Bookman ...	...M.R.	Strand ...	...M.R.
Boy's Own Paper ...	...M.R.	Studio ...	...L.
Captain ...	...M.R.	Textile Manufacturer	...M.R.
Chamber's Journal ...	...M.R.	Textile Recorder	...M.R.
Connoisseur ...	...L.	*Traveller's Gazette	...M.R.
Cornhill Magazine ...	...M.R.	*War and Peace	...M.R.
Delineator ...	...L.R.	Weldon's Ladies' Journal	...L.R.
Dyer and Calico Printer	M.R.	Windsor Magazine	...M.R.
English Review ...	...R.L.	Young Man and Woman	...L.R.
*Ferro-Concrete ...	...M.R.	*Zoophilist ...	...M.R.
Fortnightly Review ...	...R.L.	Quarterlies.	
Girl's Own Paper ...	...L.R.	*Herald of the	
Harper's Monthly ...	...M.R.	Golden Age	...M.R.
Journal of the Society of		Hibbert Journal	...R.L.
Dyers and Colourists...	...M.R.	Post Office Guide	...M.R.
Knowledge ...	...R.L.	Socialist Review	...R.L.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Bradshaw.
 Caledonian.
 Cambrian
 Dublin and South Eastern
 Glasgow and South Western
 Great Central.
 Great Eastern.
 Great North of Scotland.
 Great Northern.
 Great Northern, Ireland.
 Great Southern and Western, Ireland,
 Great Western.
 Highland.
 North British.
 North Eastern.
 Lancashire and Yorkshire.
 London and North Western.
 London and South Western.
 London, Brighton and South Coast.
 Midland.
 South Eastern and Chatham.
 Yorkshire Railway Guide.

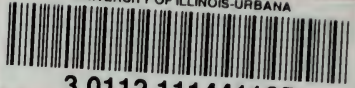
DIRECTORIES.

Browne's Advertiser's A. B. C.
 Crockford's Clerical Directory.
 Gore's Liverpool.
 Kelly's Merchants, Manufacturers and Shippers.
 Kelly's North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.
 Kelly's Post Office London Directory.
 Kelly's West Riding of Yorkshire.
 Macdonald's Directory.
 Medical Directory.
 Morris' Business Directory.
 Perry's Directory.
 Slater's Manchester, Salford and Suburban Directory.
 Stubbs' Directory.
 Worrall's Yorkshire Textile Directory.

FILES OF NEWSPAPER.

Batley News.
 Batley Reporter.
 The Times.
 Yorkshire Daily Post.
 Yorkshire Observer.

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